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THE ORPHANAGE CAMPAIGN IS UNDER HEADWAY

Second Sunday Churches

The attention of first Sunday Churches was called to the Orphanage Campaign in the last issue of The Baptist Record. We were urging those Churches to make their offerings on the first Sunday. We are now appealing to the Second Sunday Churches to make their offerings on their regular preaching day, the second Sunday. This will be your only opportunity, as we are endeavoring to complete the Campaign by the 30th of June.

Without Excuse

We are doing our best to furnish the necessary information to all Churches and to all organizations in the Churches. Every Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President, B. Y. P. U. President and every Pastor has been written. In addition to this, we have sent tracts to the Church Clerks, asking that they distribute these among the members. We have just sent out to all Sunday School Superintendents collection envelopes to be used the last Sunday in June. On this envelope you will find the following:

"MY OFFERING TO THE ORPHANAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND June 24th

Amount \$.....

Name

Let every one make it a part of his business to see that these envelopes are distributed among the classes in due time. It will also be well if each Sunday School and each class adopts a goal for that day.

The \$100.00 Individual Offerings

We have received some good reports from those working in the interest of the \$100.00 individual gifts. Honorable Hugh V. Wall of Brookhaven is working Lincoln County and adjoining counties. Mr. L. O. Crosby of Picayune writes an encouraging letter. Judge C. P. Long is going in a great way. Mr. Forrest Cooper of Indianola is working Delta Associations. Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson is working Greenwood. Mr. Hal J. Jones is on the job.

Names of Prospects

We are asking the Captains throughout the State to furnish large lists of names of individuals who may give contributions of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 and \$100.00 in this Campaign. An appeal will be made by correspondence and otherwise to all such individuals. Let's keep this work going at high tide until the 30th of this month.

Oxford Church

On the last Sunday in May the Oxford Baptist Church made an old fashioned offering to the Orphanage resulting in \$747.10. An opportunity was given in the Sunday School the first Sunday in June for those who did not have opportunity the last Sunday in May. This offering amounted to \$18.50, making a total of \$765.60.

Now, the Men's Bible Class plans to have representatives from the class visit the churches throughout the County on their regular preaching days during June and present the Orphanage needs to the congregations.

This liberal offering is due, not only to the fact that Oxford Church has a most loyal corps of workers, but also to the fact that representa-

tives came from the Church to the Orphanage for first hand information. We wish every Association would send a delegation to the Orphanage for such information and let them go back to their respective Associations and present the needs. There would be no trouble whatever in raising the desired amount if this could be done.

Let the Lieutenants throughout the State mail to their Captains names of good prospective contributors and we will communicate with them. It would be even better if instead of mailing the names you would see them in person for their contributions and mail the gifts in to us at once.

—G. B. Gunter,

Chairman Campaign Committee.

Dr. E. M. Highsmith, at the head of the Department of Education, becomes Registrar of Blue Mountain College.

Rev. J. F. Tull assisted his brother, S. E. Tull, in a meeting in First Church, Pine Bluff. There were 50 additions.

The trustees of William Jewell College, Baptist of Missouri, having exonerated President H. C. Wayman, "left off" Professors Fleet, Weyand and Parker because they did not regard their religious beliefs in harmony with those commonly held by Baptists.

When Dan Crawford, the great missionary to Africa, died they laid him in his coffin and then they took his New Testament and put it under his head as a pillow. There is no book in all the world on which a man may so confidently plant his feet while he lives and so confidently pillow his head when he dies as this, the Supreme Book of God.—R. Knight.

Dr. W. A. Keel, having just received his degree from the Louisville Seminary, has accepted the call to Central Church, Gainesville, Ga. We are sorry this good Mississippian was not brought back to the State, but of course we can't keep all the good men in Mississippi. Gainesville Baptists have two of our best preachers in R. Q. Leavell and W. A. Keel.

Dr. Brock, an eminent Baptist minister, was dining with Pastor C. H. Spurgeon one day when the conversation turned on trusting God in the matter of money. "For my part," said Mr. Spurgeon, "I have no other source of trust. I have to pay ten thousand dollars tomorrow for the expenses of the Orphanage and I have not a penny in hand; but I am sure that in some way God will send it." Dr. Brock looked up in astonishment. He said: "I wish you would not talk like that. You have no ground for expecting that God will send the money. It is presumption." Mr. Spurgeon smilingly said: "Call it by what name you like, but put it down that I am sure to have the money." Before Dr. Brock left that evening a letter was received from the secretary of the Orphanages saying that a gentleman who declined to give his name had called and deposited ten thousand dollars for the use of the Orphanages. "There," said Mr. Spurgeon, showing the letter, "you see the Lord has supplied the money, as I told you he would."—Baptist Message.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Robt. Gandy

The Commencement exercise for the Mississippi College, closing the 1927-28 session, ended Monday night, May 28th, with graduating exercises in the historical chapel, where 77 students received diplomas, and with the annual Alumni Banquet which began at 10:30 P. M. and ended at 1:00 A. M.

Dean P. P. Burns of Howard College delivered the baccalaureate address on Monday night. His address was forceful, learned, and highly interesting.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday, May the 27th, by Dr. Gaines Dobbins, professor in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Dr. Dobbins graduated from Mississippi College in 1908. His sermon was both inspiring and full of truths practical for students' most serious consideration. (This sermon will probably appear in next issue of this paper.)

On Sunday night a musical program was rendered by the glee club of Mississippi College and Hillman, the band and orchestra of Mississippi College and Mrs. Lane Busick, Prof. Frank Slater and Prof. George Mackie had arranged and directed the program.

On Monday of the Commencement the trustees of the college were in session and transacted several matters of importance pertaining to the College. In the president's annual report to the Trustees, Dr. Provine called special attention to the enrollment of the College, the increasingly large number of graduates each year, the effectiveness of the classroom work this year, inter-collegiate activities, and the splendid harmony and conduct of the student body. President Provine feels that this session has been outstanding among the last several in respect to work accomplished and general conduct and morale of students and faculty. The trustees were greatly pleased with the record of this session. Each professor of the college made a report to the Trustees in person as to work in his respective department.

Judge J. A. May, class 1902, a prominent lawyer of Sumner, Mississippi, was toastmaster at the Alumni Banquet and presided in a most pleasant manner. Short speeches were made by Dr. M. O. Patterson, Mr. Lloyd K. Moore, Dr. S. W. Johnston, Dr. J. W. Mayfield, Dr. W. E. Farr, Dr. Thomas Purser, Dr. R. E. Anderson, Dr. P. I. Lipsey and Honorable T. E. Mortimer. Music was furnished by the College Concert Orchestra, Mr. Virgil Applewhite and Mr. Alvin Doty. The program was highly interesting and the shortest the College has had, closing at 12:45. The U. D. C. chapter of Clinton served the banquet.

A large number of visitors were present for all events and much interest manifested.

The Classes having re-unions were reasonably well represented and those present greatly enjoyed the Alumni Dinner at the noon hour Monday when all the old boys were together again.

Prizes awarded this year were as follows:

For Best-Kept Rooms

2 rooms in Jennings Hall.

No. 3 W. R. Hackett, Jr. Vicksburg

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VISITS THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

By P. I. Lipsey, Jr.

London, England.—On a recent visit to the British House of Commons I was more interested in the distinguished men I saw there than the Parliamentary proceedings which were then progressing mildly.

To get into the chambers of the "Mother of Parliaments" in the vast turretted building on the Thames' bank, one must first get a permit at the Foreign Office then pass inspection of numerous functionaries who keep the historic doors.

The Commons chamber is a dignified little rectangular chapel which has no curved lines. Gallery seats run along each side above the floor. I sat at one end, opposite the speaker.

Looking down, I saw the floor of the house as little more than a broad aisle lying between two ascending banks of seats on either side. On one side sit members of the Conservative party, the present majority, whose leaders are the British cabinet, "His Majesty's Government". Facing the government, on the other side of the aisle sit the minority parties: the Labor-Socialists, now the recognized "His Majesty's Opposition"; and the Liberals.

The prime minister and his official family occupy the front benches on the government side. Leaders of the opposition sit on the front benches of their section opposite. "Front-benchers" in common speech are the leaders, while "back-benchers" are the rank and file.

Between opposing front-benchers and in front of the speaker is a long, wide table which holds documents, books, and the feet of party leaders whose legs are of sufficient length to reach it. The speaker sits on a tall throne seat, tremendously imposing in long wig and stately robe of office. Below him are three clerks with comic little curly wigs.

When I entered it was question hour, the first phase of the daily session. Members of all parties were interrogating ministers on details of government, and the ministers were making replies. Questions are printed and listed by number and a minister's answer may be prepared in writing.

I noticed that questions were often about "figgers", which is the English for statistics, and that answers frequently consisted in the declaration that "complete figgers" are not available.

Some of the opposition's queries were critical in tone and government responses were sometimes evasive and unsatisfying. Laborites, when they failed to get desired replies, often spoke sharply in retort. Then from government benches would rise the "yer-yer-yer" (hear-hear-hear) in ironical tones—what the American of ten years ago would call a "horse-laugh", but what is known to the present young generation as "the raspberry".

The hum of conversation and "yer-yers" was often so continuous as to blanket the words of the "honorable member" or the "gallant and noble member" on the floor. But this disorder was always of the sedate, orderly kind, distinct from the loud uproar which is frequently characteristic of an American—shall I say Mississippi?—legislature.

Certainly there was nothing to excite the spectator, and it is hard to understand the gallery-ite who recently cast his hat angrily to the Commons' floor and cried "Tut-tut"—or words of similar shocking import.

But the men I saw in that little arena have made world history. They have helped to build the world's greatest modern empire, and—harder still—have held it together during the period of depression and dissolution which the war left.

I saw a quite ordinary and unpretentious person down there, Stanley Baldwin, the prime minister, whose stocky figure is a fine picture of the present day John Bull. There Britain's most powerful political figure sat—or lay—having slid

down almost upon his back so his short legs would reach the ministerial table and give his feet a rest. Just across from him, the feet of Ramsay MacDonald, former premier and chief of the Labor-Socialist party, pushed against the top of the table in opposition.

Few men so blunt and unpolitic as Baldwin have attained his high station. But English voters have learned he can be trusted to do what he says. He has done a great deal to expose the ultimate vanity of the flattering demagogue.

It was just after the war that Stanley Baldwin did one thing that stamped him as a man of deeds rather than words. The government treasury, drained by the burdens of the long war, was in deep distress, bordering on bankruptcy. Baldwin, then little known, turned one fifth of his fortune into cash and gave it as a free gift to the government. This donation, amounting to \$600,000, was made anonymously and was not publicly known until a long time afterward.

On the premier's left was Sir William Joynson-Hicks, home secretary. An amiable, snub-nosed, clerical looking gentleman, he is popularly known as "Jix" and is a favorite subject for cartoonists. He is a clean man of high moral standards.

In recent weeks Joynson-Hicks was selected by the premier to manage the passage of the equal franchise bill—known as the "votes for flappers bill"—which gives women the suffrage at 21 years like men.

Sir William's courage was shown in the Prayer-book fight, in which he was the champion of the Evangelicals, or ultra-Protestants. When Anglo-Catholics sought to adopt the new book of prayer and church practice with provisions included to please the Catholic sentiment of "high churchmen", the home secretary and his Protestant supporters defeated their effort. He is expected to be a leading actor again when the archbishops return to the attack in June with a prayer-book measure which still endorses or permits Roman Catholic rites in Anglican churches.

In that distinguished gathering, but a single man had the audacity to sit with his hat on. This was Sir Austen Chamberlain, the austere foreign secretary. It is an old custom for members of the Commons to wear their silk hats as they sit in the chamber; but few now observe it.

Chamberlain, with his monocle and his "silker" over his eyes, is a striking figure of old-fashioned elegance and suave formality. Each time he answered a question he would take his hat off, reply in a low even tone of great politeness, and re-cover as he sat down. He did not put his feet on the table.

While Chamberlain embodies the imperial spirit, he is moderate and no jingo extremist. He represents the hard-headed, clear-minded English governing group who have established Britain's present foreign policy on the fundamental principle that there shall be no war with the United States. Friendship with the powerful republic of the west is the first rule of British international policy.

On the right of Mr. Baldwin I saw the round head of Winston Churchill, chin sunk in a generous collar. As chancellor of the exchequer, Churchill commands tremendous prestige and is second in the government to the premier only.

Winston—as he is generally known—is the most aggressive figure in the cabinet and to me is the outstanding personality in British politics. Certainly he is the most discussed of England's public men and attracts praise and censure in extravagant quantities. If Premier Baldwin reads the papers he has seen his cabinet called "the Churchill government"—but Baldwin is not one to be disturbed by a jibe.

Churchill at the beginning of the great war was the cabinet chief of the world's strongest navy. While older men in the government were slow to answer the German challenge, young Winston danced about fiercely in his war paint.

Years of responsibility have modified his beligerent attitude but he still has some Rooseveltian pugnacity.

The responsibility for supplying money to support the government rests upon the chancellor of the exchequer. He arranges the schedule of taxation. When he recently announced in his budget report what the new schedule would be, this tax schedule went into effect the next day. He said eight cents tax on gasoline, and the following day "gas" cost eight cents more. If his action is not to the liking of the Commons, they vote to defeat his budget—and the government is turned out of office.

In gathering revenues, Winston is full of tricks. A recent new minting of certain silver coins brought many millions into the treasury chest. Winston had put only about 40 per cent of their face value in precious metal into the coins.

I have met Mr. Churchill only once. We were strolling in the spring sunshine on the Thames embankment—going opposite directions. He looked at me, but didn't speak. Awful snobs, these cabinet ministers!

"Mack", the Labor party leader, was mighty quiet on this day. He asked one little question; about Egypt, the toddling infant nation in an ancient land which wants to walk alone.

When MacDonald speaks on a hot issue, he speaks with great power. His voice when I heard him at another time was ringing, his tone is pleasing. The ripple and soft flutter of his Gaelic accent is delicious. His rugged, kindly face is one of the most attractive I have ever seen.

This Scotsman (they do not say Scotchman over here) has a big heart and a mind which is good but not "first class". In many ways he is like William Jennings Bryan, though less potent in platform eloquence.

Lloyd George, like MacDonald a former premier but with less chance to "come back", entered the chamber late and I shall penalize him by ignoring him. I don't like him much, anyway—even if he is a Baptist.

A FRUITFUL SUGGESTION

Early in the spring it was my privilege to supply for the Farmhaven Church, one of the little bands I served before taking up my present work. While there I took occasion to speak to the Sunday School as to the meaning of Easter and how it came to be recognized by some as part of the Christian religion. Then I sought to show them the folly of such an observance and plead with them that instead of wasting some good eggs in worshipping a heathen goddess they give those eggs to send the gospel to the heathen. They acted on my suggestion and as a result there were no Easter Egg Hunts, but \$4.25 was the amount of the special offer for the missions. Go and do thou likewise next spring.

There was some little opposition to my suggestion. The teacher of the little children told me that one of the speakers at the recent Sunday School & B. Y. P. U. Convention told the teachers of the little folk to give Easter cards and have Easter Egg Hunts for the little children. Why should we? Why should we desecrate the glorious Resurrection of Jesus by worshipping a heathen goddess? Why should we waste that which is needed for food and the money which is needed to send the story of the Resurrection to those who for the lack of knowledge worship gods of their own creation?

Southern Baptists are planning for a great Dept Paying Campaign on our Mission work for this year, and if our Baptist people would put into the treasury of the Lord that which they are accustomed to spend in the celebration of Easter it would mean much toward the liquidation of that debt and more to magnify the name of our Risen Lord.

Yours for pure religion,

—Bryan Simmons.

Housetop and Inner Chamber

Dr. George Leavell is in North China treating wounded soldiers.

The Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium was opened for speaking at the Commencement of Blue Mountain.

Prof. E. O. Sellers of the Baptist Bible Institute has been holding a "choral week" with Pastor J. N. Miller and his church at Wiggins.

Brother M. J. Derrick, of Vicksburg, was laid up for a while by an accident to his car recently. We hope he will soon be entirely recovered.

The Jackson Daily News "answered" the protest of Jackson Baptist preachers by repeating what he had previously said. You will look in vain for the answer.

Mr. H. M. Pippin becomes Educational Secretary and Choir Director of First Church, Columbus. Pastor J. D. Franks is assisting in a meeting at Shubuta.

Evangelist A. D. Muse will preach in a four weeks' revival at Tabernacle Church, Waco, beginning first Sunday in June; M. H. Keith singer, A. R. Copeland pastor.

Brother J. R. Kyzar and wife of Nashville were seriously injured in an automobile wreck while returning from the Chattanooga Convention. We are glad to hear they are recovering.

A man whose soul and mind are free and whose desire is to please God will vote as his conscience dictates and not under fear of a party lash. But a man who is afraid will sell his soul for office or for public favor.

Northern Presbyterians in their General Assembly appear to have declined to consider union with Unitarians, Congregationalists and Universalists, but took under advisement for a year the suggestion of union with Northern Methodists.

After Dr. E. M. Poteat had made a talk at the Chattanooga Convention on Love to Jesus as the Supreme Qualification for Service, the congregation sang, "My Jesus I Love Thee", a song written by Dr. Poteat's father-in-law, A. J. Gordon.

The church at Water Valley has called to its pastorate Rev. J. M. Metts of Columbia. He has proven himself a most capable pastor in several other fields, and if he accepts the call to Water Valley he will be back among his first friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickerson made our office glad with a short visit on their way to Winona, where they are now with Pastor Boston and his people in a meeting. May the Lord give them many souls as a reward of their labor and prayer.

Between 1916 and 1926 the number of churches cooperating with the Northern Baptist Convention increased in 9 states and decreased in 26 states. The number of members increased in 24 states and decreased in eleven. There was a net gain in membership of 58,303.

Pastor C. E. Bass writes: Monday evening, May 21st, Scooba Baptist Church witnessed the closing of one of the greatest revivals in her history. Dr. W. E. Farr seemed at his best. This was his third engagement here and by comparison "good, better, best". We were happy to have our new church with her large Sunday School rooms open filled to full seating capacity. Nine were received by baptism and eight by letter, and the whole church put into good working condition. Pray for us that we may carry on to our highest possibilities.

Associated Press report of the Northern Methodist Conference represents the conference as liberalizing the divorce laws of the church, recognizing as valid divorces granted by the state. These reports of religious meetings are not always accurate.

Mississippi College trustees conferred on President J. L. Johnson of Mississippi Woman's College the degree of LL.D. and on Pastor T. J. Barksdale of Louisville, Ky., the degree of D.D. These are recognitions of worth. The honor belongs to them.

The flopping of some newspapers into the column of apologists and defenders of notorious whiskey men who run for office cannot be explained in every case without suggestion of their being bought straight out with money from corrupt sources.

The Baptist Record acknowledges receipt of invitations to many commencements, which we appreciate. These are glad and glorious occasions and we greatly rejoice with our young folks even though unable to be present. God give you grace to see his pathway before you.

All the work of Baptists and all other Christians should be keyed to that of evangelism. If this note is dropped or allowed to be second to any other, we are in for discord and disintegration. To save the lost is the purpose of Jesus' coming and the business of Christians. Come to the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton, June 11-14.

The Baptist Record and our London correspondents appreciate the many kind expressions that have come to us of the articles that have appeared in the paper for the past months. These words of commendation come not only from Mississippi friends but also from many in other states, some of whom have never seen the writers of these letters.

What is the use of announcing to the world that you want a dry candidate, and saying under your breath that "I'll take it wet if you insist"? The man is a humbug who goes up and down the earth hollering that he is for prohibition, and then votes for a wet candidate in November. It is time for the average voter to let the politicians know that he is not to be bound, gagged and delivered.

Pastor D. A. McCall and wife will make the trip to Toronto in their car, going by way of Florida, up the Atlantic coast into Canada and then making a swing westward, to be out a month. They are happy in the prosperity of Griffith Memorial Church, receiving fifty members in the past five months. In two years the Sunday School has been practically doubled. The budget of the church for this year has been increased 60 per cent, and it is keeping up.

After requesting the National Conventions to insert an article pledging the party to prohibition enforcement and to nominate candidates committed to enforcement, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted this resolution, which has caused some near wets to throw a case of hyphobia:

Resolved "that by the adoption of this report we enter into a sacred covenant and solemn pledge that we will support for the office of President, or for any other office, only such men as stand for our present order of prohibition, for the faithful and efficient enforcement of all law, and for the maintenance and support of the constitution of the United States in all its parts and with all its amendments, and that we record our fixed determination to oppose actively the

nomination or the election of any candidate of the opposite type, no matter by what party put forward nor on what party platform he may stand".

A Yorkshire, England, parishioner said to his minister: "Ah, say mister, you preached a goodish sermon tonight, but if it had been cut at both ends and set afire in the middle, it wad a dean us mare good."

The Religious Herald objects to the retaining of the El Paso Sanatorium for tubercular patients on the ground that the Convention was controlled by emotion. Well, there's a good deal could be said in favor of emotion. For example it is said "Jesus had compassion on them and healed them". Again it is said "Jesus sighed and touched him". Again it is said "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". We'd be in a bad way in our religion if our emotions did not control us.

If there were room we would gladly publish the appeal of the W. C. T. U. for earnest prayer by all our people from now till the national democratic and republican conventions meet to nominate candidates and announce platforms. These women believe in God and believe He hears and answers prayer. They believe we need Him now, and that we are in critical times. They plead for prayer in the churches and in the homes that men may be nominated and elected who believe in preserving our high national ideals of sobriety. Pastors and people are in sympathy with this request, and the prayer of the righteous availeth much.

Bishop cannon, of the Southern Methodist Church, in a speech before Northern Methodists, recently in session in Kansas City, referred to the prohibition question now under discussion by the Democrats and Republicans alike, said, "In such a conflict we are no longer Democrats or Republicans, we are representatives of the moral and religious forces of our great country. We must hereby pledge ourselves to united effort for the observance and maintenance unimpaired of the greatest piece of social legislation ever adopted in any age or by any country." Now maybe we shall hear the Methodists are guilty of "treason".

Evangelist R. G. Baucom was in a meeting recently at Gainesville, Texas, in which 103 were added to the church.

Several times on the invitation of Brother D. W. Moulder the editor has tried to connect with him at some of his churches in Smith County. On the fourth Sunday in May we succeeded. He met the train at Morton and we spun out over a ridge road which unfolded a panorama to right and left for many miles that could hardly be surpassed in the mountains. Hills and valleys, trees and sunshine and blue sky and farm homes and budding crops and luxuriant gardens, in Scott and Smith and Rankin Counties. When we reached the church parking space was at a premium, and the singing was in full swing that made the welkin ring. It was Beulah Church at Polkville. Maybe you've been there. It was our first visit. It was the all day variety of singing from "Sacred Harp", and the people were in their glory. Their faces shone, and the leaders literally "walked about Zion". We judge there were 2,000 people there. Of course, they didn't all get in the house. It would take a Billy Sunday Tabernacle to hold them. But the house was packed. The editor was permitted to preach at eleven o'clock and they stayed awake mighty well, under the circumstances. Dinner there was too for folks who came from many counties and the kin-folks who had gone to the cities. It was a reunion occasion. In the afternoon the singing was resumed and continued till three o'clock when the "parting hand" was given with appropriate singing and amid tears of joy. To many this meeting was a foretaste of glory.

Editorial

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

What is a Christian? Who is a Christian? When is a person a Christian? We venture to answer that a Christian is one who is genuinely and personally devoted to Jesus. One is not born a Christian; is not taught to be a Christian; does not become a Christian by any outward rite; is not a Christian by the acceptance of any standards of faith; is not a Christian by the adoption of any rules of conduct. But he is a Christian who has come to the knowledge of Jesus, to faith in him as saviour and an inward, personal acceptance of him as Lord. This must be personal, conscious, pronounced and final. It must such a relation to Jesus as determines all other relationships, our relation to people, family, church, and all else in life and in the world. It is superior to all others, before all others, dominant and determining. Henceforth all things are determined by his will.

But is not a matter of mere intelligence and will. It is an ardent devotion. It is an attachment and allegiance to him that carries the heart's whole affection. It is the fulfillment of the first and great commandment, not as obedience to the commandment, but as the irresistible outpouring of the whole heart and life to God as he is revealed to us in Jesus Christ; namely: "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and all thy soul and all thy strength". It is an attachment to Jesus made by free choice and sealed with a love that the Holy Spirit alone could produce in us.

This ardent personal devotion includes in it all the best emotions which we see exhibited in the human relationships, such as benefactor or Savior, teacher and leader or Lord. Jesus is all of these. Men are often loyally devoted to those who have been their benefactors, those who have shown them kindness, or helped them in time of need. Jesus has done all this in the highest degree.

"He saw me plunged in deep despair
And flew to my relief
For me he bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief."

I love him because he first loved me and purchased my salvation on Calvary's tree.

This devotion embraces the attachment of a pupil for the teacher. This is the title by which he was first known. He was Master in the sense of teacher. Those who followed him were disciples or pupils. This is a very tender relationship and very lasting. He is our hope of all knowledge. He is our only hope of the knowledge of God, the highest knowledge. And we never graduate from his school.

This personal devotion embraces the attachment of a man to a great leader. The leader stands for certain ideals and principles. He is the embodiment of a cause, of the common good and of all noble sentiment. This is exemplified in the devotion of soldiers to a great leader. Jesus is given as a "leader and commander" to the people. He is the captain of our salvation. Men obey their leaders' order at the cost of life. In peace times men follow great political leaders. The abandon with which men follow political leaders is marvelous, if not always admirable. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are given with great heartiness and enthusiasm to secure their election. Men give hilariously to those whom they believe to be worthy leaders.

Surely Jesus is far more worthy such devotion. And men have gladly given their all to him, when they really know him and love him; when they are really Christians. When he made his royal entry into Jerusalem a few days be-

fore his crucifixion, the multitude attended him in great enthusiasm. These people took the clothes from their backs to make a way for him to walk over. Can the days come back when men are ready to give him their all; when luxuries and even necessities shall be sacrificed to make him king? Can we not today say not in words only, but with our offerings to him and his cause, "I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord". Remember that to be a Christian is to have an abiding and abounding devotion to Jesus.

BAPTISTS, PROHIBITION AND DEMOCRACY

We feel impelled by conscience and self respect, for the sake of truth, to make our protest against an editorial in the Jackson Daily News of May 24, appearing in double column on page one, entitled "A Challenge To Democracy".

We grieve to see ability such as the editor of the News has shown in other times and ways prostituted to the purpose of ridiculing the representatives and leaders of the largest religious constituency in Mississippi and in the South. Hope had inspired in us that this paper would forever be dedicated to a high moral ideal and the advocacy of righteousness. But instead, after a period of reform, the scripture is again fulfilled as to the dog retuning to his vomit and the sow to her wallowing. This is a question of liquor or prohibition. The Baptists have stood for prohibition since the fight began. The Jackson Daily News stood for liquor and the advertising of liquor until the laws of Mississippi prohibited it. The people of Mississippi have expressed themselves unmistakably on this matter.

Baptists have ever stood for freedom of conscience and for Separation of Church and State, while the ecclesiastical forbears of the News editor were drawing tax money from others for their support. We still and shall forever insist on the principle of separation; a free church in a free state. We also insist on the inherent and undisputed right of petition and protest against wrong. With us there can be no such things as union of church and state, for every local Baptist church and every individual Baptist is independent and free. We insist upon the right to declare our views on every moral question and to announce our attitude thereto.

There is nothing new or different in the matter of the resolutions passed at Chattanooga by the Southern Baptist Convention from those passed in previous years. No names of candidates were called and no political party singled out. The Convention pledges itself to support only such candidates as could be trusted to uphold the Constitution and uphold the law. For this we are denominated traitors. Our conception of a traitor is one who denounces the constitution or violates the laws or encourages its violation by getting drunk on blind tiger whiskey.

Other denominations have in their assemblies expressed statements in entire accord with those expressed by Baptists in Chattanooga. A number of Methodist Conferences have been true to their convictions in doing so. But the editor of the News has been true to his past behavior in attacking the Baptists. They seem to be the special objects of his animus. We believe that all denominations of Christians will condemn this attack upon the Baptists for their support of prohibition, for it is in effect an attack upon all.

We concede to all men, editors included, the right to express opinions different from our own and even to condemn actions taken by our representatives. But we must protest against the sordid species of journalism which stigmatizes the leaders of Baptists "as traitors" or "arrogant" or "impudent", "hybrids", "halfbreeds", "renegades", because they express their opinions on moral questions which inject themselves into

the political arena.

If anyone must wear the offensive designation of egotist it would be the single individual who brands as traitors the outstanding moral and intellectual leaders of our generation and then presumes to dictate to a state convention of Democrats how these "traitors" are to be dealt with.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

There is on our desk a folder announcing the program of the Mississippi Baptist Assembly at Castalian Springs, near Durant, July 5-13. There is a big hotel with galleries all around in a delightful shady plateau and the rate is \$1.50 a day for room and meals. I don't know how it can be done, but that's up to them. The water from this well is famous over all the country and is shipped in every direction. There is a lake and recreation grounds for all who seek rest and refreshing.

And here are the pictures of some of the eminent gentlemen and excellent ladies who are to make it interesting for all who attend. Scotchie McCall is there with his permanent wave and smile that doesn't rub off. He superintends the sports and says you can play anything about there except the fool. Dr. Denham with his serious English face will be seen where the people study the Bible. Dr. D. M. Nelson, whose lips flow with rivers of eloquence, is an inspirational speaker, and Dr. J. L. Johnson will throw his crutches away and walk about in inspirational addresses.

Dr. Austin Crouch and Dr. R. B. Gunter will tell the latest about the denominational program, what we have done, are doing and going to do. Mr. Alvon Doty will show you a smile and lead the singing. There is none better. Miss Rosalind Sheppard will preside at the piano. Dr. Clay I. Hudson of Nashville will speak on Church Administration. And then there are Miss Lackey, Miss Traylor, Brother G. C. Hodge, Mr. Auber Wilds, etc., etc. And though his name does not appear on the program, you may be sure Brother J. E. Byrd will not fail us. Of course, there will be classes for instruction in all departments of our work. Write to Brother J. E. Byrd, P. O. Box 520, Jackson, Miss., and tell him you will be there.

Furman University recently celebrated its 102nd anniversary by graduating 102 seniors and adding \$500,000 to the endowment.

Many have read the reports by Mr. G. F. B. Davis of scattering New Testaments by the million throughout China. It is interesting to know that our own Missionary T. F. McCrear was instrumental in getting Mr. Davis to go to China.

Brother W. E. Allen, missionary to Brazil, now on furlough, spoke at Clinton Sunday morning, giving a most stimulating account of our work in South America. His wife spoke to the women on Monday afternoon and they were greatly impressed with her message.

A certain editor in Mississippi who is trying to line up the Democratic party to vote for a wet candidate is exceedingly mad against the Baptists. There is nothing too hard for him to say against them. He can probably do it with impunity for Baptists believe in freedom of speech and freedom of the press. But he knows and everybody knows that if he said these same things against the Catholics he would lose every Catholic subscriber in 24 hours and they would boycott every business house that advertises in his paper. Isaiah says, "The ass knows his master's stall". In the meantime Catholics who work in that newspaper office are said to be diligently clipping all his articles against the Baptists and sending them to Al Smith's Catholic headquarters.

Rev. G. F. Austin, once pastor at Ellisville, recently assisted in a good meeting at Jennings, Fla.

Pastor J. A. Taylor of Brookhaven has been granted a two months leave of absence for rest and recuperation.

In Ontario there are eleven Negro churches. They seem to be affiliated with the white churches in their cooperative work.

The Canadian Baptist says the Headquarters for Southern Baptists at the World Alliance will be the new Ford Hotel, Dundas and Bay Streets.

There are said to be 200 times as many tobacco dealers in the United States as there are book stores. Are you feeding your brains or kiln drying them?

It is said that Governor Smith has never carried more than four counties of New York in any election, and that these four counties are made up largely of aliens.

An exchange says a prominent church was considering a well known preacher for the pastorate but when they learned that his wife "filled the pulpit" in his absence his name was dropped at once.

Doctor of Laws is now conferred for interest shown in fighting floods. At least that is what the daily papers give as the reason for conferring the degree on Mr. Hoover and Mr. Stone by Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Some of the brethren are asking why object to a petition or protest to the Baptist World Alliance from the Southern Baptist Convention and then favor a protest to the political parties against a wet platform and wet candidates.

The Boston Baptist Social Union has withdrawn its support from the Ford Hall Forum. The money was contributed by Mr. Daniel Ford, deceased, for Christian work, but this Forum has been a heterogeneous conglomeration of discordant discussion.

Dr. Max Mason has resigned as president of the University of Chicago to become director of the division of Natural Sciences of the Rockefeller Foundation of New York. Mr. Mason became a Baptist after accepting the presidency of Chicago University three years ago.

One of the reporters of the Chattanooga Convention says that by vote of the body on Saturday night a lady was invited to address the Convention next year. It may have no effect on those who are determined to violate the word of God, but we are bound to make protest in the name of Him who said, Let your women keep silence in the churches.

One of our Baptist exchanges reported that the Southern Baptist Convention recommended the sale of the Hospital in New Orleans to the State of Louisiana. This is not accurate. What the Convention did was to suggest the disposal of the Hospital to the Baptists of Louisiana or other Baptists. Already the Methodists have approached the Superintendent of the Hospital with a view to securing it. This institution is a Baptist missionary agency and asset that we can not afford to lose.

A letter from Dr. Harry Clark, Chairman of the Education Commission recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, indicates that these eighteen men are to take their work seriously. They will soon meet, organize, formulate and announce a program, and put all possible en-

ergy into the work. They have a very limited budget and no salaried official, but these men will do the best they can expecting no compensation for their services. They ask for your full sympathy and cooperation.

About the prohibition resolution passed by the Convention in Chattanooga an exchange says: The only pledges made in this action are by the Convention itself. No attempt is made to pledge "the voting constituency" of the Convention, and such a proposal would have been instantly rejected as foolish.

The Religious Herald says: The New York World, published in his own city, friendly to his candidacy for years past, openly declares that any attempt to sidetrack the real issue or to put Governor Smith before the people on anything approaching a dry platform will be arrant hypocrisy, that he is running as an outspoken and consistent opponent of prohibition and that the country will thus interpret his candidacy. Any dry Democrat who cannot see the real situation needs a guardian. Such a person does not know enough to come in out of the rain.

The Great Pyramid; Its Mystery Solved, is a recently published booklet by Dr. Lincoln McConnell, which claims to be an explanation of the pyramid as the embodiment of prophecy in stone, foretelling the coming of Christ, the World War and a good many other things. Among others there is a prophecy of some portentous event May 28, 1928. We don't recall reading anything special for that day. To us, it is an exceedingly queer book, which doesn't prove anything. Others may find its bold solution interesting. It is certainly written with great assurance.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of Southwestern Seminary, writes: We had one of the best commencements we have ever had. Following were our visiting speakers: Dr. J. B. Rounds, Mission Secretary of Oklahoma; Dr. R. B. Gunter, Mission Secretary of Mississippi; Mrs. J. W. Byars, Waco, and Dr. John MacNeill, Toronto, Canada. Rev. C. E. Wilbanks, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, McAllister, Oklahoma, delivered the Alumni address. We graduated seventy-five fine students. All of these speakers delivered addresses of great helpfulness and inspiration. The Seminary has just closed one of its finest and best years. Summer school is now on and our next session opens September 24th. We are looking for a large attendance. The faculty and students by the hundreds are going out to win the lost to Christ this summer and to help build the Kingdom of God. Pray for us.

BAPTIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

The date October 26-28 has been selected for the time of meeting of the Fourth Annual Baptist Student Conference. The place of meeting is to be at Oxford, and the Baptist Student Union of Ole Miss and the Baptist Church of Oxford will be joint hosts for the Conference. In the selection of this date all meetings of a State wide nature were considered and there seems to be no conflict with this date that will seriously detract from the success of the meeting.

Last year the Conference was held at A. & M. College, and under the able Chairmanship of W. L. Compere, of Mississippi College, the meeting proved an educational and a spiritual revelation to all those present and the influence of it was felt throughout Student circles of the State.

The many Baptist Students of the State will look forward with much anticipation to the time of this meeting. The program committee is bending every effort toward perfecting as strong a program as possible and one that will challenge the College Students and place their thinking and actions on a higher plane.

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John Herrmann.....	Vicksburg
No. 33 Jim Cy Sullivan.....	Pontotoc
Willis Brown.....	Pontotoc
3 rooms in Chrestman Hall.	
No. 27 Hugh Myers.....	Brandon
Verner S. Holmes.....	Lexie
No. 72 Herbert English.....	West
Herbert Eugene Williams.....	Brooksville
No. 87 Robert J. Moorhead.....	Vicksburg
Farris M. Farris.....	Vicksburg
Farr Medal—Freshman Oratorical Contest—	
Ralph Hester.	
Wallace Medal—Sophomore Oratorical Contest	
—Leonard N. Simmons.	
Trotter Medal—Junior Oratorical Contest—	
Louis Posey, Jr.	
Lee-Haywood Medals—Extemporaneous Debate	
—Affirmative, S. T. Roebuck; Negative, W. L. Compere.	
Hillman Scholarship Prize—Harlan J. Murphy.	
In delivering diplomas, 15 had special distinction and 7 distinction.	
Special Distinction:	
Anderson, Miss Agnes	Polk, Miss Eleano.
Blaine, James Gilbert	Grace
Brent, Annie Vernon	Roebuck, S. T.
Compere, William	Stewart, Edward Leland
Lowrey	Taylor, Joseph Robert
Lindsey, Tate Jefferson	Thornton, John Edward
Mattox, William Judson	Vest, Johnny William
Miller, John Wesley	Young, Prentiss H.
Murphy, Harlan J.	
Distinction:	
Doty, Tom Smith	Martin, Harry Leland,
Ford, Miss Nora Estelle	Jr.
Hollowell, Frederick	Moore, Lloyd Kim-
Dixon, Jr.	brough
Love, M. P. Lowrey, Jr.	Truitt, Ray Audubon
The other members of the graduating class	

Barefield, Robert Al-	Lamb, James Wilson
len, Jr.	Landrum, Evie Kirkling
Black, Otis Harvey	Lee, Hal Burnham
Boyd, Claude A.	Lee, Maxwell Herome
Branch, Alton E.	Mangum, William D.
Bush, J. W., Jr.	Moak, Julian L.
Chain, Bela J.	Morgan, Edward Lee
Cliburn, Lomer Eugene	Morgan, Otho France
Crawford, William	Neelly, John William
Marcus	Peeler, Joe Glenn
Davis, Stuart McDougal	Pepper, George Robert
Davis, Thomas W., Jr.	Plant, Samuel B.
Dickerson, Henry Ad-	Provine, Henry Sproles
dison	Pryor, Theo L.
Dorsett, Jett Marion	Rushing, H. I.
Doty, Jacob Johnston	Scofield, Oscar Newton
Duncan, Edwin Milton	Simpson, Joe Frank
Duncan, Floyd Aubrey	Smith, Willie H.
Funchess, Troy Albert	Thames, Edward
Garrett, Janice	Thames, James Frank-
Garrett, Sidney Burnett	lin, Jr.
Hammack, Helen	VanLandingham, Will
Elizabeth	Hearn, Jr.
Hammond, Edward	Ward, Ray
Arnold	Webb, Prentiss Lamar
Heard, Annie Lyda	West, Cecil Davis
Hollingsworth, Jack	Whitten, Milton Clay
Horton, Lloyd Ellis	Winstead, Ralph
Horton, William Boyd	Spurgeon
Johnston, Lucy	Woodruff, Herman
Doniphan	Richard
Kyzar, Jewell Horton	

Master of Arts Degree:

Stewart, Ernest McFarlane
Bachelor of Science in Medicine:
Johnston, Walter Easterling

There are approximately 28 students who will graduate from the College this summer, making the number of graduates in 1928 around 105.

The LL.D. degree was conferred upon President J. L. Johnson of Hattiesburg and the D.D. degree upon Rev. T. J. Barksdale of Louisville, Kentucky.

PRESENT DAY ROME AND ITALY

Ernest O. Sellers

One can but be thrilled when first he enters the Eternal City even though some of the glamor soon fades.

Rome is a city where TIME seems to laugh at man's puny efforts to perpetuate his name and glory. Princes, potentates, priests and populace alike are guilty for on every Roman ruin is seen an inscription or dedication of some forgotten one who has sought to prolong his prestige.

The ruins of ancient Rome were for centuries looked upon as a blot on the landscape, covered with debris or were used as a quarry for stone with which to build the newer parts of the city, whereas now they are one of the chief attractions of Rome for the tourist, scholar or historian.

The present Italian government is showing commendable interest in the excavation and display of these remains of former Roman glory. When the demolition of old houses and the added exposure of Forum and Capotolian ruins is connected with the great Victor Emmanuel monument, Rome will have a most unique sight,—one I should call a monument to ruins,—to be found anywhere.

St. Peter's is of course the world's crowning glory of all church buildings. The plan, scope and decorations of that building by far outstrip any other present day edifice, and its cost would easily purchase a kingdom.

From the outside the buildings of the Vatican, attached to St. Peter's, are not impressive. To gain entrance to the art treasures and library one has to make a long circuitous journey all round the huge church to what seems like a back entrance. But the trip is well worth while for the exhibit is one of the world's greatest. Therein have been gathered many of the great masterpieces in stone or on canvass. Michael Angelo and others of equal renown have given their best and the result is truly marvelous.

The extent of the Vatican buildings (and grounds of about sixty acres) can be judged when we are told that there are housed therein more than 4,000 prelates, officials and servants including the picturesque "Swiss guard", the uniforms of which make one think of a modern comic opera chorus.

While of course St. Peter's and the Vatican are the most prominent there are other Catholic edifices that attract the tourist, some large and celebrated, others small but containing some great art treasure, like the small church at St. Pietro in Vincoli wherein is Michael Angelo's celebrated statue of Moses, one of his two masterpieces in marble; the other, David, being in Florence.

The fine Presbyterian church plant close by the king's palace; the huge Jewish synagogue on the bank of the Tiber; the prominent Waldensian church in the midst of the busy retail portion of the city; the several Baptist churches, (one a gift of the late Thomas Cook, of Thomas Cook and Sons) and the fine Methodist, and other non-Catholic church and school enterprises, impress one that the government has been tolerant, in the past at least, and that these efforts have been and are making their impression.

Italy today is supporting three armies, the Carabinieri, the regular army and the new Fascisti militia, the latter seemingly the most numerous. Everywhere you turn you are faced by a soldier. On trains, street corners, everywhere. Careful record is kept of your arrival at the hotel and if your stay is more than three days you are expected to get a police permit. One cannot escape the conclusion that the country is under strict military rule with Mussolini heading each of these organizations, the navy and general government thrown in.

As for the country as a whole I saw more physically fine appearing well developed women and less of drug store complexions; more dirty

officials and less cleanliness in public places; more contrasts of productive and non-productive land; more native built and less of foreign motor cars; more historic ruins and superstitious relics; more dust and less of general vegetation; more soldiers and fewer idlers, than in any other European country with the possible exception of Greece. Italy has its unemployment problem and a pressing one too, we are told, but it appears that the government has hit upon one partial solution, at least, in its placing many that would otherwise be idle in the ranks of the Fascisti militia.

There are countless children in Italy. One can but be impressed by the hundreds to be seen on every hand. This is the crux of the acute population problem Italy is facing, especially now that America has so largely closed its doors.

Italy is inordinately proud of its past. It thinks in terms of Imperial Rome, but it is forgetful of the fact that the world procession has been so rapidly passing and it is trying its utmost to catch up, especially with England and America, in the parade of nations.

Seemingly the present government is convinced that Italy's former glory is again to be realized by means of the sword. I heard the comment many times that, to arouse Nationalism and divert internal criticism, Italy is willing, indeed seeking, to have another war, most likely in the direction of Austria and the Balkans.

Mr. H. G. Wells recently said, "The deadliest thing about Fascism is the systematic and ingenious and complete destruction of all criticism and opposition." The Caesars tried that and failed. Progress demands a degree of friction and bureaucratic or ecclesiastical standardization may for a time deaden any population but eventually it leads to an explosion, for God and the universe are fighting for the freedom of both soul and body. Fascism is fighting against hopeless odds,—read history.

To me Italy, like other principal nations of Europe, offers great attractions for the tourist, especially to the historian and the lover of art. But I can see no reason why an immigrant to this land of opportunities and liberty should desire to return to Italy nor try to set up in this country a copy of her civilization or government. For anyone with any degree of ambition and industry there is no possible favorable comparison. I say this not being at all forgetful of the beauties and the interesting history of Italy, but one cannot subsist on art, cathedrals and beautiful scenery nor the power and prestige that once was Rome.

Dr. Whittinghill and native pastors report all Protestant work today is exceedingly difficult. American newspaper representatives frankly confess that the Italian censor prevents any free discussion or reports to the outside world of conditions throughout the kingdom. Will the Vatican again control Italy? How long can Mussolini maintain his hold? Will spiritual truth and freedom again gain their liberty and influence? These are questions that, to use the Japanese proverb, "lie in the lap of the gods." For one I thank God for American liberty and opportunity, not forgetting the responsibility these privileges engender.

The Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pastor J. R. G. Hewlett writes: We have just closed a great meeting in the Tchula Church. It began May 2nd and closed May 10th. Rev. L. O. Leavell, pastor at Leland, did the preaching and Alvon H. Doty of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, had charge of the singing and Mrs. Doty the piano. This made a great team for Kingdom service. There were 23 additions to the church, 14 for baptism and 9 by letter.

Somebody from "East Side" must be furnishing Mr. Alley with his cartoons these days.

IMPROVING THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

J. B. Lawrence

The recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in some respects was an improvement over the meetings of former years, in others it was not. The element of improvement was that it really was a deliberative body. Those who sat on the platform did not, as heretofore, do all the thinking and speaking for the convention. There were a few independent thinkers on the floor of the convention, and a few rattling good speeches made by men who have never before been heard in the convention. This was an addition, and, I think, an improvement. But there was at least one element, and that a very essential element, in which this session did not measure up to the standard of some past sessions of the convention. The element to which I refer is that of inspiration. There was only one session of the convention in which anything like a high tide of inspiration was reached. That was on Wednesday night when the cooperative program was under discussion. Dr. Dodd, the main speaker on the program, made an inspirational address. He reached a high mark. It was a really great speech.

The Home and Foreign Mission programs, where we naturally expect great inspirational addresses, were robbed of their inspirational opportunities by the limitations of the programs put on. No one, no matter how good a speaker he is, can make an inspirational address in ten or fifteen minutes and secure adequate results. Both of these programs limited the speakers to only a few minutes. In addition to this they brought to the platform speakers from other countries who could speak our language only indifferently or men whose voices were so weak that they could with difficulty be heard. Of all the themes discussed at the convention not one has the appeal to the hearts of Christians like Missions. Home Missions should have staged a great address on "THE CALL OF THE HOME LAND", and Foreign Missions should have staged another great address on "THE CONQUEST OF THE EARTH FOR CHRIST", and these two great interests in their programs should have lifted our souls up to the heights and fired our hearts with a burning passion to carry on for Christ. This, I feel, was the chief weakness of the last session of the convention.

As to the method by which these defects can be remedied, of course, there will be a wide divergency of views, but if some plan can be devised by which both deliberation and inspiration can be secured in the meetings of the convention then it seems to me that we will be making for the real thing. I make this suggestion: Give the afternoon of each day to deliberation and discussion and the mornings and evenings to inspiration. This would not require any change in the structure of the program as it is now projected. As a rule, the Boards make their reports in the afternoon and finish up the consideration of these reports at the evening session. Let this arrangement continue with one provision, namely, that the Boards do make their reports in the afternoon and that all discussion and deliberation on the reports be had at that time. If there are missionaries and visitors from foreign lands to be heard let them appear in the afternoon session. Then at the evening session plan for a great inspirational discussion. Two inspirational speeches can be delivered at each evening session. Plan the program for the occasion taking into consideration the size of the hall in which the men will have to speak.

If this principle were adopted the adjusting of it to the sessions of the convention would be only a matter of program detail. The program could be easily worked out so that all matters of discussion of every nature whatever and all matters

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Stewardship Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget
"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

PLAN OF ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET WORK IN MISSISSIPPI (Suggested by G. C. Hodge)

1. The first and most vital step is the selection of a leader for the Association who will direct the Stewardship & Budget Work in the Association.
2. The churches in the Association should be conveniently grouped, and a leader for each group should be chosen. Each of the group leaders will direct the Stewardship & Budget Work in his particular group.
3. The associational leader, together with the group leaders, will constitute a General Committee to foster and promote Stewardship & Budget Work in the Association.
4. Each local church in the Association should elect a leader, who will, in cooperation with his pastor, direct the Stewardship & Budget Work in his church.

Officers and Their Duties

I. Associational Leader

1. How elected—
A committee, after a thoughtful and prayerful survey of the field, should nominate this leader, and he should be elected by the district association in its regular annual session (The committee to nominate this leader should be appointed by the association.)
2. His qualifications—
 - (1) He should be a capable, dependable and consecrated man, who loves the Lord and the Lord's work.
 - (2) He should, where possible, be a successful business man, and one who gives his money liberally to the Lord's work.
 - (3) He should be a LEADER, and know how to make programs that appeal to MEN.
 - (4) He should be willing to learn. The most successful leader is not always the one who knows the most about the work, but the one, who, realizing the lack of knowledge, is willing to use every opportunity to learn, and thus be better equipped for the duties that have been intrusted to him.
 - (5) He must have patience, and persevere until his plans are realized and his work is accomplished.

3. His duties—

- (1) Familiarize himself with the duties of this office.
- (2) Study the association and the local churches, with a view to grouping them with not more than four churches in a group.
- (3) Nominate a group leader for each group. (The group leaders should be elected by the executive committee of the association, which is composed of one member from each church in the association.)
- (4) Train the group leaders.
 - (a) He should call a meeting of the Group Leaders, and carefully explain in detail to them all phases of the work.
 - (b) He should, at least once a year, have some capable pastor, layman, or the State Director of Stewardship & Budget Work to carry them through a Study Course in CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP and SCRIPTURAL FINANCES.
- (5) Discover, enlist and make engagements for wide awake laymen who will give

their time and talent to the work, by visiting, speaking and assisting in developing the churches in every phase of religious and denominational work.

- (6) Arrange, at least once a year, for an associational-wide fifth Sunday meeting for the purpose of discussing the various phases of Stewardship & Budget Work.
- (7) Help distribute literature in a wise way, and furnish information along all lines of denominational and church work.
- (8) Help in putting on such programs as may be suggested by the State Convention Board.

II. Group Leader

1. How elected—

This officer should be nominated by the associational leader and elected by the executive committee of the association. (It would expedite matters should the churches be grouped and the group leaders selected during the session of the district association.)

2. His qualifications—

His qualifications should be the same as those of the associational leader. He should be a man who will take the work seriously, and apply himself in a way that will challenge the others.

3. His duties—

The duties of the group leader are similar to those of the associational leader, except he deals with only one group.

(1) Study his work.

He should, first of all, familiarize himself with the work he is expected to do. (The State Director of Stewardship will be glad to supply him with literature and information concerning his work.)

(2) Visit each and every pastor in his group, explain the program to them personally, lay the matter on their hearts, enlist their sympathy and secure their cooperation.

(3) In cooperation with the pastor explain personally the program to each church in his group.

(4) Secure in each local church a leader, whose duty it shall be to direct the Stewardship & Budget Work.

(5) Train the church leaders by carrying them through one of the books in the Stewardship Course at least once a year.

(6) Help introduce wise business methods into each church in his group.

(7) Help in putting on such programs as may be suggested by the State Convention Board.

III. The Church Leader

1. How elected—

He should be elected by the church in conference.

2. His qualifications—

His qualifications should be the same as those of the associational leader.

3. His duties—

- (1) Study his work. He should clearly understand his work before trying to explain it to others. There can be no inspiration without information. Unless, therefore, he informs himself concerning the work he is expected to do, he will not be very enthusiastic about it, and unless he is able to inform others about the work, he cannot inspire them to cooperate with him in the work. If, on the other hand, he understands his work and can impart the information to oth-

ers, he can, with the help of the Lord and in cooperation with his pastor, be successful with his work. This leader will determine the success or failure of the work in his particular church.

(2) Study all books in the Stewardship Course, and, thereby, become a Silver Seal graduate in CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

(3) Enlist and train each member of the church with reference to stewardship.

(a) Plan for study courses and lecture courses in stewardship, and lead every member to attend them.

(b) Arrange, at least once a year, for an all day, dinner-on-the-ground meeting, at which time the various phases of Stewardship & Budget Work shall be discussed.

(c) Distribute tracts and all kinds of helpful literature and information on Stewardship & Budget Work.

(d) Lead every family in the church to subscribe to and read The Baptist Record.

(e) Study the church and denominational programs, and help enlist every member in the support of every Kingdom movement.

(f) Emphasize the Bible plan of living, and teach the Bible plan of giving.

(g) Be the pastor's right-hand man. Pray for him, and cooperate with him and the deacons in carrying out the plans of the church.

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of business could be brought up at the afternoon sessions. The morning and the evening hours could be given to inspirational programs with speakers selected and the programs arranged in advance.

I know that the business of the convention cannot be set aside. The great Boards must have time to tell the convention what they have been doing. There must also be time for general discussion of important matters by the messengers assembled. All of these things must be provided for by the program, but at the same time we must not overlook the question of inspiration. It seems to me that if some such arrangement as that suggested above could be made we would be able to take care of the business and the deliberation of the convention and at the same time provide for great inspirational hours which would lift our souls up and send us back to our churches fired with the passion of a great task.

Terminal Trust Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Pastor H. C. Clarke writes: McAdams Baptist Church voted last Sunday without opposition, that it is our purpose not to support any wet candidate for office, either local, state or national. We desire to make known our purpose through the pages of The Baptist Record. We have no compromise to make in this very vital matter.

It is said that the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the recent meeting in Chattanooga authorized the faculty to confer the Ph.D. degree instead of the Th.D. This is a departure from any thing in the past. It is understood that this was done to meet the demands of colleges for men having the Ph.D. degree to meet the standardizing requirements. But we fail to see how a theological course can entitle a man to a Ph.D. degree. The two things are not at all the same. Our impression is that this degree can be conferred only by literary institutions having a separate faculty for graduate students. Calling a man a Ph.D. does not make him a Ph.D., and the standardizing agencies will have a word to say in all probability.

W. M. U.

Suggested Program for Associational Meeting (To be held during summer)

Hymn—We Praise Thee O God.
Devotional—Scripture Gems About Rubies—
page 37—given from memory by a Y. W. A.

Prayer of thanksgiving for God's blessing
through the years.

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming.

Talk by Superintendent—Why Celebrate Our
Ruby Year. (Talk should emphasize need for
enlisting many women and Y. P. through mis-
sionary organizations.)

Talk—A Modern Children's Crusade—by asso-
ciational Young P. Leader—Page 00. ((Adding
definite information as to number of young peo-
ple's organizations in association and the number
to be secured to reach the 40% increase. Also
give the Young People some suggestions as to
how they may help us reach our Ruby Anniver-
sary Aims. You will find good ones on page 38.)

Hymn—Our Union Is Marching On. (Ruby
Anniversary Booklet page 1.)

Tithing Story by G. A. (Winning G. A. Story
for State. Will be found in Baptist Record of
June 7th.)

The Tithing School—Playlet.

Tithing Song—By Sunbeams. (Sunbeam Man-
ual page 10.)

Half a Ruby Year (page 35 June "Royal Serv-
ice") by R. A.

Hymn—Our Ruby Offering—(Page 35 June
Royal Service.)

These are suggestions to use in your program.
Feel free to add to or take from just as you de-
sire.

The Ruby Anniversary Booklet referred to may
be had from this office free.

Helen's Choice

It was near Christmas and every one in the
class was excited and happy as they planned their
presents for their friends.

As Helen hurried home this evening she was
troubled, for was not Christmas just ten days off
and she had such little money in her possession
and it was her tithe money which she had saved
for a long time. Yet as she walked slowly along
she found herself counting the gifts that she
might buy with this money. It is true they will
be inexpensive but I can only give to my very
best friends and they will understand that it is
because of my father's recent death that my gifts
are simple", thought Helen.

Helen had been in no hurry when we first saw
her now she suddenly quickened her step, and a
close observer would have seen the faintest shad-
ow of a smile of hope on her face.

Arriving at home she rushed through the front
door calling: "Mother! Mother! Where are you?"

"Here", came mother's voice from the living
room.

Helen went hastily in, kissed her mother and
took a seat on the arm of the chair and began in
a very happy tone: "Dearest mother, I have just
thought of a plan that solves my gift problem!"

"What is it, little daughter of mine?" Asked
the mother joyously. Now, Mrs. Martin was, like
most mothers, a fond mother who hated to see her
daughter deprived of anything reasonable.

"You know," continued Helen, "I have some
tithe money and I am behind with my G. A. ob-
ligations but I thought—"

"Yes but—"

"Now you just wait till I finish Mumsie, as I
said before, I am behind with my obligations in
G. A. Now the plan is this—God doesn't need the
money half so much as I do, so I am going to use
this tithe money I have saved and buy my gifts.
Mother, I am sure he won't care 'cause right af-
ter Christmas I shall begin all over again and

tithe every bit of the money I get."

"But Helen, would that be quite right, would-
n't it be rather like robbing God? You know, we
don't want to do that, and then maybe Mr. Mc-
aven will pay—"

"Oh, Mother!" Interrupted Helen. "Mr. Mc-
aven has owed that debt since before father died.
Why should he pay now?" And she skipped
lightly out of the room.

Mrs. Martin still sat a long time after Helen
had gone. It hurt her to think that her little
Helen would think of and plan such a thing.
Kneeling, Mrs. Martin asked for divine guidance.
Then she went about her evening tasks.

On retiring Mrs. Martin asked Helen to bring
the Bible and read to her. "What shall we read?"
asked Helen after getting the book.

"I wish several passages, dear" Mother said,
But first I want Heb. 7-5. Helen read "And ver-
ily they that are the sons of Levi, who receive
the offices of the priesthood, have a command-
ment to take tithes of the people according to the
law".

"Now I would like Mal. 3:10."

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in mine house and prove
me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will
not open the window of heaven and pour you out
a blessing," Helen read slowly.

"This will be the last one, dear, read Mal. 3:8.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.
But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In
tithes and offerings."

Helen closed the Book but did not look at her
mother.

"Hurry to bed and may you have pleasant
dreams", said Mother.

"Same to you sweet mother" Helen called back.
But Helen did not have pleasant dreams. She
thought of what her mother had said, "I don't
want to rob God, you know" and she thought of
what she had read, Will a man rob God? Would
I be robbing God if I carry out my plan?" Mus-
ed Helen. I don't think so but—"

Still pondering this question she fell into a
troubled sleep. She dreamed she was entering
a large store room. Donning a mask, she slipped
quietly up to a large safe. It was very hard to
open and she had to try several times before
she succeeded. She had just touched the gold
when she heard a voice saying, "Wouldst thou
rob me?"

Helen jumped suddenly and the scenery chang-
ed. She was awake in her own little bed, and
how happy she was! Even with this comforting
thought she could not sleep. She kept thinking,
"Would I rob God?"

The next day the G. A. met and Helen was
there and had her little money tucked away in an
inside pocket. Just why she brought it she did
not know for she thought she had her mind made
up as to what she was going to do with it even
though she did feel a bit guilty.

The G. A. was called to order and the treas-
urer was making her report. Helen heard her
saying, "As many of you know, we are short
with our finances and it is almost Christmas and
we shall want to do something to bring cheer to
some unfortunate ones if we are to let our lights
shine as God would have us do. Does anyone
want to pay her dues?"

Helen hesitated, then she thought she heard a
voice saying, "Wouldst thou rob me?", "I shall
not rob God". She said to the voice and then she
went to the treasurer. "Here are my dues. I'm
sorry I got behind. I'll try not to do so again."

When the meeting was over Helen went
straight home. She went into the living room
where her mother was as before. "Well Dear,"
she said to mother, "No gift for poor little Helen.
She paid her dues in G. A. but she is happy."
"You are mistaken, little daughter, there will be
gift giving for Helen." Said mother with a smile.
"Mr. Mcaven has just been here." And she held
up a note harked, "Paid in full."

You can imagine how happy Helen was that
she had done her duty in paying God his tithe.
She has never spent a happier Christmas. And
what a good, comfortable feeling was hers when
she knelt to thank God for all the joys, of that
happy Christmas, which were brought to her
through gifts, cards and letters from her friends
and loved ones and the taking of nice things from
the G. A. to poor of the town.

Helen is now working and her salary is small
but you may be sure she always pays God his
tithe.

Laverne Griffith,
Monticello, Mississippi.

Suggestion for a "Ruby Banquet"

Decorate of course with red and white. For
place cards put the tiny red birthday candle on
plain white cards. For the center of the table
have an immense birthday cake—sham. For the
cake use a man's round white hat box but dec-
orate with icing just as if it were a regular
birthday cake. Instead of having the forty little
candles on top of the cake use four large candles
to represent the four decades of the W. M. U.
When it comes time to "cut the cake" have one
woman give the history of the W. M. U. point-
ing out the achievements of the four decades, Or,
if desired four women might be used instead of
one.

The waiters might have on red and white
aprons and caps to match.

Suggested program:

R—eaching out thru 40 years of service
(the four decades of W. M. U. history)

U—tilizing and enlisting.

B—ringing Him our gifts.

Y—our task in the Ruby Anniversary.

Mrs. Creasman, of Tennessee suggested "Ruby
Ann" circles to existing organization these circles
to be composed of heretofore un-inlisted women
of the local church, draw the circle chairman
from a former good W. M. U. worker. Put into
her hands her prospects and watch results.

She also suggested institutes in central terri-
tory for leaders, acquaint them, drill them, teach
them, the Ruby aims, purposes and etc., These
Institutes can be for a week or a day.

"Get out a Ruby Standard of Excellence", was
suggested.

Illinois centralizes on Divisional work.

Associational Superintendents would do well
to have posters to present, giving the name of
each church on this poster, If they have a W. M.
S. draw around it a purple line, If they have
other organizations make marks of that organ-
ization in this purple circle.

An easy pageant suggested was "The challenge
of the spirit of the Ruby A."

A suggested plan was to have the District
Young People or Ass'n. if possible, give a ruby.
Make poster of big ruby, making each line one
of the organizations with the amount necessary.

Make July Ruby Month

Suggested program:

Devotional; "Rubies" (From God's word).

What is the Ruby Anniversary?

Four decades; By four women, with illustra-
ting placards.

"Torch Bearers"

Young people present "How" of success, Pray,
Enlist, Organize, give.

The W. M. U. District Meeting will be held
with the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Thurs-
day evening, June 7, at 7:30, and all day Friday,
beginning at 9:30.

E. Stanley Jones of India, author of "Christ
of the India Road" and "Christ at the Round
Table", was elected a bishop by the Methodist
Conference in Kansas City, but declined the
honor.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

The Pot of Manna

In the sixteenth chapter of Exodus we read: "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations". Manna had been sent as bread for the Israelites while they journeyed through the wilderness on their way to the land of promise, also quails were sent for meat. These were great miracles as well as great blessings, so the Lord wanted them to be remembered all down the ages to come as a great historical event in the life of the chosen people. They had no paper or pens and ink in those days, so no way to make a permanent record of these and other like events that transpired in the history of His people. So in order that this and other historical events might be kept in the memory of the people as the generations came and went certain pillars were set up, or names were given to certain places or people, or a pot of manna was preserved as in this case to bring the historical events to the remembrance of the generations to come.

The Lord, as has been said, wanted these events about the sending of the manna to be remembered for ever, so he commanded that a pot of the manna be preserved. When the children would see the pot of manna they would naturally ask what it was and why it was preserved; and then this would bring out the whole story of the travels through the wilderness, the sending of the quails and manna and other historical events of the life connected therewith. This thing occurred from generation to generation and thus the whole history of the chosen people was recounted afresh to each generation all because of the pot of manna. That was God's way of preserving history before the coming of paper and permanent records.

We see other ways by which God preserved records of historical

The Orphanage Signal

The month of June has arrived. Are you ready to do your part to make the Orphanage drive a success? I hope you are as much interested in this as I am. I am sure you should be, because the Home is yours and every child in it.

Think of the children as they shivered with cold, with a heating plant worn out, while you and your babies are in a comfortable room before the fire. Think of the buildings in a state of repair of which you would not want to live in. Think again of 47 cases of measles at one time, nine cases of pneumonia, with no place to isolate or to care for the sick. Ask the Lord what you must do about it, then give what the Lord would have you give.

Health Conditions

We are glad to report that we have only a few cases of sickness at this time. One little boy dangerously ill with pneumonia. Remember him and us in your prayers. Situated as ye are with no place to isolate our sick we naturally live in dread of epidemics.

News Items

We had a number of visitors last week. A large committee from Oxford and that Association, Dr. and Mrs. Stapleton from Tunica, Mr. George Bush and his father from Laurel, and a number of others.

Our children report great pleasure in the tour of the city given by some of the good ladies of Jackson.

School is out, examinations over and we had two fine young people, Miss Willie May Hall and Dudley Tillman, to graduate from Central High School this session.

We are glad to have David Patterson and Wheeler Cathey, two of our fine boys in Mississippi College, to visit us.

events of special interest in the lives of his people. For instance, Moses was given his name because he was drawn out of the water; that is the meaning of the name. In future years when the name of Moses was mentioned and the meaning would be understood the question would naturally arise why he was so named. Then when explanation was made the whole story of Moses would have to be told and thus it was preserved to future generations as an important bit of history in the life of His people.

Thus we see that God desires that the important history of His people be preserved. He made provisions for it in the early days of the world in the manner above described, in later years he had Moses and others to make a record of it in permanent form as found in the Old Testament and later by the apostles and other disciples as found in the New Testament. Thus the matter is clear that it is His will that the history of His people be preserved; not only the history of that long ago age and people, but it is an example to us that He wants the history of His

We are very proud of our very fine flock of white Leghorn pullets, which are four months old the third of June. We gathered 27 eggs from the yard last Friday. We feed Gopher's Great Eight.

Miss Nina McAlpin, one of our fine girls, is visiting the church at Fulton, who have adopted her to clothe.

If you expect your adopted daughter or son of whom you are clothing here to visit you this summer, let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange the vacations.

We were delighted to have Dr. J. R. Carter, the former Superintendent of the Home, on the campus with us Friday.

Don't forget while you are conning fruit to remember your little folks here. Now is a good time to start preparing for your Thanksgiving car.

A Suggestion to Your Church for the June Drive

If every church would strive to raise \$1.00 each per member the drive would be a marked success. It seems to me that any church in the state could do this. Let that be the very least that you do and those who can do more set this as your goal.

Needs

We are at present in need of caps and straw hats and overalls for boys of all ages, dresses for little girls from 6 to 10 years of age, also Sunday shoes and hats for this age, nice hose for the older girls. Of course if you have other articles that you can't use and don't have to buy, send them to us, we will be glad to get them.

—B. E. Massey, Superintendent
Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

people preserved in all ages of the world.

Doubtless the Baptists are God's chosen people today, but how we do transgress His will, example and purpose by failing to keep a record of our history. We find some who feel that it would be boasting to write a record of their life or work. Suppose Moses, Nehemiah, John and Paul had looked at it in that light, we would have neither Old nor New Testament. No, it is not boasting but a carrying out of the purposes of God to keep and preserve a history of the main events in the history of our people. So we feel that we are in a worthy cause when we are preserving the history of the Baptists of the state. Brethren, help us to do His will and command.

Notes and Comments

The secular press announces that Water Valley Baptist Church has called Rev. J. M. Metts, of Columbia, to be her pastor. His decision is not stated. We hope that he will come.

On my return from the Conven-

tion I stopped off a day with my good friend, Rev. E. J. Hill, pastor of Merton Baptist Church, Memphis, and preached for his good people twice on Sunday. Glad to report his health better, but not well yet.

Glad to hear good reports of the work being done by Pastor C. C. Weaver since he went to Hernando some months ago. His people are loyal to him and are ready to move on in the work.

Rev. H. L. Martin of Lexington has been assisting Pastor E. J. Hill in a revival meeting at Merton, Memphis, for the past several days. Results of the meeting have not been reported.

My good Bro. W. N. McLemore over at Union sent me the announcement of a meeting which was to be held at the Baptist Church in that good city June 2nd in which a goodly sum of money was hoped to be raised. The purpose of the effort to raise a large sum of money was not stated but thought perhaps that a building project is on by Pastor G. O. Parker and his loyal people. They are the salt of the earth.

Pastor Walter W. Grafton and his flock at Eudora are in the midst of a building project. He has just led his fine people in the building of a splendid house of worship at another one of his churches. He is young and active and is doing a fine work in northwestern Mississippi.

The fourth Sunday was Memorial Day at Elam Church, Yalobusha County; also that good church celebrated the greater memorial service to their Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, by celebrating the Lord's Supper. We had a good day.

ANOTHER YEAR OF GLORIOUS HISTORY ADDED TO SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

(By L. A. Myers, Managing Editor
Southwestern Evangel)

Twenty-one years of history at "Southwestern" was climaxed May 25th when 77 men and women were awarded degrees and diplomas. The twenty-one years have noted an increase in the student body from two to five hundred sixty five; in Departments from one to thirty-six; in faculty members from one to thirty-four; in property value from the first \$3,000.00 to \$2,225,000.00. Graduates have increased from a mere handful of local residents to more than one thousand now scattered world-wide. Of the first two graduates one is now in Brazil and twenty-five per cent of the graduating class of 1928 are volunteers for Foreign service. In the recent commencement exercises the addresses have been excellent, the musicals interesting, and the social features highly entertaining.

Commencement Speakers Especially Praised

Speakers during commencement week have included such eminent leaders as Dr. John McNeill, To-

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DICK LEONARD'S MIGHT

Jennie N. Standifer

Part I.

When Dick Leonard returned from school one Spring afternoon he called to his mother and sister Louise who were sitting on the porch:

"I've got the promise of a summer job with big pay."

"How much?" asked Louise.

"Eighteen dollars a week."

"That is fine for a boy of sixteen. What will be your work?" asked his mother.

"To keep the grounds of the Club House Golf Links mowed spick and span. I'll have spending money all next session when I go to college."

"You will help Mother and the little girls, will you not?" asked Louise.

"Y-e-s, but you want me to go to the state university next fall, don't you, Mother?"

"If I can afford it I want you to attend M— Colege. Louise will be teaching in high school and will help, and I hope to have a large music class. What you make this summer will help pay your expenses."

"I'd rather go to the university. The students have such good times there, and it is a bigger school. But there will be plenty of time to decide that later."

It was the latter part of May when Dick received his high school diploma. The very next morning he called at the office of Mr. Reeves, a lawyer who had charge of the Club House Grounds, and asked when he was to begin work.

"I intended to 'phone you, young man, but forgot it. Owing to hard times we have decided not to employ a care-taker of the Grounds this summer, but to employ workmen by the day when needed. Sorry we haven't work for you."

Dick was bitterly disappointed. He had plans for using every dollar of that money. His mother said little, but he knew she needed rest and could not take it unless he had work. He began seeking employment, but found only a few lawns to mow, and a few hedges to trim.

One afternoon he returned from his quest for work much discouraged. Louise was typing letters from stenographic notes.

"I have worked for Judge Morton while his stenographer is taking a vacation," she explained. "The pay is fine, and will help on our expenses through the summer. Suppose I teach you shorthand, Dick? I have rented this typewriter, and by hard work you could have a paying profession in a month or so. But you must put the best in you in the work, old boy. I will give you lessons every day."

"I will try it until something turns up," Dick agreed after some persuasion.

He began learning the stenographic alphabet that evening and applied himself with spasmodic energy when not hunting a job. In a few weeks he could take simple dictations slowly. Reading his notes was his greatest trouble, but he seemed confident that he would be able to

read with ease if he only had speed. He could not be induced to transcribe his notes on the typewriter.

One day when Louise had a headache, Dick volunteered to take her place in Mr. Jordan's office, and she consented. When he returned to lunch at noon he was elated.

"I took down and typed fourteen letters," he announced proudly. "It was as easy as falling off a log. I'll get the Judge to give me a recommendation and have a paying position in a few days. There are several vacancies in town, I heard."

"You will make mistakes at first, so don't be too sure of paying work," cautioned his sister.

Dick returned that afternoon with a downcast air.

"What is the trouble?" asked Louise.

"Judge Jordan said I mis-spelled half the words, put in too many capitals, and did not punctuate. The letters would not do."

"When not certain of how to spell a word, look in your dictionary," advised Louise. "Type all your notes and I will correct them."

Dick began copying his notes, but he did it reluctantly, and sulked when pointed out his mistakes. He was discouraged.



One day his mother received a letter from her sister who lives on the Mexican Gulf Coast, inviting Louise and Dick to attend the Baptist Assembly to be held in a military school near her home town, and take the splendid training in Young People's Work.

"I have work in another law office—we need the money—and I can—"
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"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying,

What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.

JUST as Joshua commanded the twelve men, one from each tribe of Israel, to take from the bed of the river Jordan, where the feet of the Priests stood firm, each man a stone and with these stones build a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—So, as our loved ones pass from our immediate presence over Jordan, should we select the most perfect, the most beautiful and the most lasting stone for the monuments we erect to commemorate their beautiful virtues and accomplishments.

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The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

My dear Children:

You read what I told you last week, and I know you are getting ready to do it, aren't you? Giving a whole hundred dollars in one month is a right large thing for us, but I'll tell you how we can do it. All of us together, if we give, can make it. One of our dear girls, in her first letter, said she wanted to be a member of this little Circle, but this is not a little Circle, it is a great, big Circle! Sometimes, when people speak of a quite large lady whom they like very much, they say she is a "fine little woman", and maybe that is what Dorothy meant, that she liked us very much! There are hundreds of us, and if everyone will put his or her mind on giving something for this \$100 for the Orphanage, we can do it easily. So, as soon as you read this, if you haven't already, see what you can get together and send me, for a month is a short, short time, and the first thing we know, it is gone. Besides all these we mentioned last week, I want to hear from Sue Bell, Elizabeth Jane, Sarah Bellamy, Ethelgene, Sybil and Annie, Arthur, Jr., Martha Lynn, Lois, Rex, Mildred, and lots of others all over Mississippi. I wouldn't mind if we heard from Bro. J. L. Williams, and I wouldn't be surprised, either, would you? Only, he must be very careful to make his an extra, and not take anything away from what he was going to give to the big folks' share.

Here's our verse: God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.

Much love, from,

—Mrs. Lipsey.

Wade, Miss., May 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little boy 6 years old. I am in the second grade. Aunt Susie Carter is my teacher. I love her. I have black eyes, and dark hair. Hoping to be a member of the Circle, Your new friend,

John Howard Davis.

P. S.—I have two sisters and two brothers.

You are a member, John, and I want you to be an Honor Member, by sending us a little contribution to this \$100 that we are trying to get in June for the Orphanage. And I wonder if these two brothers and two sisters wouldn't give some, too. Are they too old or too young? Not if they are younger than 70, and older than 1 year!

Winona, Miss., April 3, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

This is the second time to write the children. Our school will be out the fourteenth of April. I am enclosing 25c for the B. B. I. girl. Well, I must go. Yours truly,

Julia Herring.

I remember your first visit, Julia. We are always glad to welcome back a member. Thank you, and come again.

McComb, Miss., March 31, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been sick in bed for nearly a week with Flu. I am 9 years old, and in the fourth grade. I have blue eyes and light hair. The name of the school I go to is Junior High School, and I like to go to school very much. My teacher's name is Miss Ruth Cannon. I would like to join this little Circle. Would you mind me doing it? I am already a member of Aunt Jane's Letter Club. I am sending some money for the B. B. I. girl, and I hope you are getting along fine. I am hoping this letter will be published.

Yours truly, Dorothy Newman.

Would I mind? Why, I am delighted. You have become by your contribution an Honor Member, and you will have the privilege of helping us on our money, \$100, for the Orphanage in June. Won't you, Dorothy? I was in McComb in April at the W. M. U. Convention.

Holly Springs, Miss., Apr. 23, 1928.
My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am so glad we are taking "The Baptist Record", for I enjoy reading the letters on the children's page. My Daddy and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown, lived in Clinton two years. Daddy attended Mississippi College. My sister, Velma, and brother, Wilbur, were small then. They are nearly grown now. I will be 9 years old June 22nd, and am nearly through the third grade. Daddy taught school about 15 years. He is rural carrier now. I go to S. S., B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams most all the time. I miss only when I am sick. Brother G. C. Sandusky is our Pastor, and he is a fine one too. My Mother was a member of the W. M. U. while at Clinton.

Your little friend,

Euna Belle Brown.

Tell Mother, Euna Belle, that I'm going to answer her letter real soon. You must write again, and help us some on our June contribution to the orphans, won't you?

West, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a girl 13 years old, and in the seventh grade. Mother and Daddy take The Baptist Record, and I enjoy reading The Children's Circle. I am sending 10c for the B. B. I. girl. Mildred White.

Thank you for the contribution to the B. B. I. girl, Mildred. Did you notice last week, that we are going to raise \$100 in June for the Orphanage? This is The Children's Circle's part in the \$50,000 that all our Baptist people are setting out to get up for the orphans in June. Don't you want a part in our part?

Oakland, Miss., May 5, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I have a little sister 3 years old. I study the second grade. We are Sunbeams. We go to S. S., and like it fine. Mother Ada reads the children's letters in The Record to us, and we enjoy them so much. We are sending 25c that we sold peanuts for, to be spent for one of the orphans. We would send lots of things for the little girls if we could.

Your two new friends,

Pearl Frances and Mary

Virginia Gabbert.

I'm proud of my two new friends, and the money they sent. You must come again soon.

New Hebron, Miss., May 3, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am going to write you a few lines. I am going to send the B. B. I. girl 25c. My school is out, and I was promoted to the fourth grade. I have a brother. His name is J. C. Benson. I have a Father and a Mother. I am 8 years old. I joined the B. Y. P. U. I hope my 25c will help the B. B. I. girl. Well, I guess I had better close my letter for this time. Your new friend,

Arthur Lee Benson.

Thank you, Arthur, for your help. Did you know that we are wanting to raise some more money during June, for the Orphans, \$100? Won't you help us?

Lexie, Miss., May 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

As I can't write so you can read it, I will get sister to write this. I am a little girl 5 years old. I have black hair and brown eyes. I have two sisters and three brothers. I have a dear Father and Mother. My Daddy pets me, but Mamma don't. This is my first time to write you.

A new member, Mattie Lou Smith.

P. S.—I haven't any money to send, but Gwynneth is sending some.

Maybe Mother will give you a little job to make you a little money, Mattie Lou, so you will have a little to send when Gwynneth sends hers early in June.

Lexie, Miss., May 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

It is still cold weather. This is the second time I have written you. I told you that my Mamma knew you when she went to Hillman. You said you didn't know her name, so I will tell you who she was. She was Emma Fortenberry. Do you remember her? I passed to the fifth grade. I pray for the Orphanage every night, and the B. B. I. girl too. I am sending 25c for the B. B. I. girl. Your member,

Gwynneth Smith.

And are you coming to Hillman, Gwynneth, when you are a big girl? Your Mother and I both think it is a good place for girls to go: ask her. Thank you for the money for the B. B. I. girl. Did you and Mother read about the special money we want to raise in June for the Orphans? I look for you to be one of the first givers, and I don't mind a bit if she helps you.

Sallis, Miss., May 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a girl with brown hair and brown eyes. I am 12 years old, and in the sixth grade. I go to S. S. every Sunday that I can. My Father and Mother take The Baptist Record, and I read the children's page every week, and want to be a member of your circle. I am sending 10c for the B. B. I. girl. Your friend, Minnie Elizabeth Jenkins.

Thank you, Minnie. I know you have read what I said last week about our raising in June \$100 for the Orphanage. Won't you try to get another contribution to us right off, to go on that? And then I'll Thank you, again.

Wade, Miss., May 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We take The Baptist Record, and I enjoy reading the children's page. I am 12 years old, and in the seventh grade. I go to S. S. every Sunday. I have dark eyes and dark brown hair. I go to school at Wade Consolidated School. I have one sister and three brothers. I am sending 10c for the B. B. I. girl, hoping to be a member of the circle.

Your new friend,

Nancy Mae Davis.

Thank you, Nancy Mae. Your gift makes you an Honor Member. Won't you and your sister and

brothers send us now some more, for our June contribution to the Orphanage?

Buckatunna, Miss., Apr. 1, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I would like to join The Children's Circle. I am 12 years old, and am in the fifth grade. I have two sisters. We go to S. S., and have good teachers and Mamma is the Secretary. I take piano lessons, and I have a good teacher. We have a new S. S. library, and I like to read the books, too.

Vera Copeland.

and want you to help us in getting and want you to help us in getting up our \$100 for the Orphans in June. I think we all love to give to them.

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Sincerely,

—J. T. Wallace.

"My dear", remarked the young man, "did you ask the milkman why there is never any cream on our milk?"

"Yes, darling, and he explained quite satisfactorily. I think that it's a great credit to him."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 10, 1928
The Arrest and Trial,
Mark 14:43 to 15:15
(From Points for Emphasis
by H. C. Moore)

Golden Text—He was despised, and rejected of men. Isaiah 53:3.

1. The First Trial Before Pilate was marked by the unfounded accusation of the Jews resulting in the virtual acquittal of Jesus. In the midst of a clamorous mob, led by the High Priest and a majority of the Sanhedrin, Jesus was carried from the Jewish court-room to the judgment hall of the Roman Governor. The murderous Jews were yet too sanctimonious to contaminate themselves by entering the hall, and so Pilate went out to them to hear their accusation. In the storm of invectives that followed he discovered a threefold charge against Jesus: they declared that he had perverted the nation, forbidden giving tribute, and called himself a king. The first two of these were utterly false, and the third was basely misconstrued. A conference with Jesus inside the hall in which Jesus claimed to be king convinced Pilate of the groundlessness of the charges, and so he went out declaring, "I find no fault in him". A tumultuous charge ensued, during which Jesus was called a Galilean. Seeing, as he thought, a good opportunity to evade an unpleasant duty, Pilate instantly ordered that Jesus be sent to Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee, and at this time a visitor in Jerusalem.

The murderer of John the Baptist was delighted to have Jesus before him; he had long desired to see this greatest of the Galileans, and now he expected a suitable miracle wrought especially to gratify his curiosity. But to his multiplied questions, Jesus answered absolutely nothing. The ecclesiastics meantime were vehement in their accusations. Seeing no valid ground for legal procedure, yet disappointed and perhaps indignant at the Prisoner, Herod subjected him to rude mockeries and then sent him back to Pilate. The conduct of Antipas also was a virtual acquittal of Jesus.

2. The Second Trial Before Pilate was marked by the weak vacillation of the governor, resulting in the condemnation of Jesus. When the Jews and their Prisoner, returning from the quarters of Herod, reappeared at the Pretorium, the responsibility was thrown once more, and finally, upon the Roman Governor. Unwilling to pass sentence of death upon one whom he knew to be innocent, yet afraid to anger the Jews already greatly excited, Pilate unwisely decided upon a compromise. Calling together and to temporary quiet the chief priests and rulers of

the people, he thus addressed them:

"Ye brought unto me this man as one that perverteth the people; and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him; no, nor yet Herod; for he sent him back unto us; and behold nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him." The statement of deserved acquittal was followed by a fatal concession: It was his hope that by the proposed scourging, unjust as it would be, he could thus conciliate the Jews and quell the excitement. Moreover, he would put his desired release of Jesus not on the ground of justice, as should have been done, but in accordance with the time-honored custom of granting liberty during Passover to some noted prisoner. Thus Pilate's sense of justice was bent reed-like to the earth by the wind of public opinion, when it should have stood like an immovable boulder, unshaken by all the storms that blew. The mob that gathered around the Pretorium were bent on the destruction of the Galilean, and, from the speech of Pilate, they knew they were making progress in that direction. They have gained one point, but they will not stop until they have gained every point. They cannot be satisfied merely with chastising; they are determined upon crucifixion. The announcement by Pilate of ultimate release was therefore met by a unanimous indignant outburst: "They cried out altogether, saying, Away with this man!" Taking a fresh stand upon the ground of compromise, Pilate brings to notice a famous insurrectionist and murderer now lying in prison. Which of the two shall the mob take as their Paschal boon—"Barabbas or Jesus"? Instantly the crowd, no doubt instructed by the ecclesiastics, wildly demanded the release of the robber. Again Pilate "spoke unto them, desiring to release Jesus". He seemed more and more unwilling to sanction flagrant injustice, yet weaker and weaker in the attempt to do right. So more in scorn than in earnest he queried, "What shall I do with Jesus"? Madly the crowd responded, "Crucify him"! It was the first time the awful demand had been openly made. Pilate remonstrated, "Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him; I will therefore chastise him and release him." For the third time the Governor took this ground, and apparently it was at this point that he authorized the terrible scourging and the derision of Christ as king. When again Pilate presented Jesus before the crowd and said, "Behold your king"! the mob retorted, "Away with him"! Then Pilate contemptuously asked, "Shall I crucify your king"? The

chief priests threateningly responded, "We have no king but Caesar". So it was that "they were instant with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified". What a sad commentary upon the vacillation of Justice and the persistence of hate! When the rabble asserted that failure to execute Jesus would be disloyalty to Caesar and the chief priests intimated that this matter should be carried to Rome, if not settled according to popular clamor, then Pilate gave way to their will. Yet he washed his hands in token of his innocence, reassured perhaps by the yell of the rabble, "His blood be upon us and our children"! The death sentence was now passed: what they asked for should be done. The executioners were appointed, and necessary preparations were hastily made for an immediate crucifixion. In the same hour that "Jesus he delivered up to their will", Pilate also released Barabbas—"him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for". Alas, that the misguided hate of a blind populace and the weak compliance of a compromising ruler should so strangle the spirit of justice that Jesus is sent to Golgotha while Barabbas goes free!

The following is told about an editor who was evidently not in charge of a religious paper:

"Do you know if the editor has looked at those poems I sent him?"

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"Oh—just a cursory examination, I suppose?"

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Tomorrow and Next Week

Tomorrow, Friday, June 8th, the District B. Y. P. U. Convention for District Five, opens its eighth session. All delegates are asked to be there by three P. M. that they may register and get their assignments before the opening hour, FOUR o'clock. The prospects are for a good meeting; the interest is keen and we are expecting a good crowd. THEN NEXT WEEK the meetings for Districts Six, One and Two are to be held: Liberty 11-12, Mendenhall 13-14, Webb 15-16. Entertainment is FREE; your only expense is the registration fee plus your expense to and from the Convention. Hook up Lizzie and let's go.

Intermediate Standard Calls for Monthly Sword Drill

Several years ago it was voted to drop from the Intermediate Standard of Excellence the Sword Drill requirement, but our better judgment has taught us that that was a step backward and that this phase of the work is one of the most important, so it has been voted back into the Standard and from now on every Intermediate Union should have at least one Sword Drill a month. This would be good for Senior Unions as well, but it is not required for them. Juniors and Intermediates then will remember that the Sword Drill is an important part of their work and will go far toward developing a knowledge of the Bible. Leaders take notice.

New Requirements for Study Course

Here are our new requirements for our B. Y. P. U. Study Course. Before any member will be awarded a diploma or seal he is required to not only make a grade of 70 on a written test, but to read the book through. We have not been requiring this before, but it is a good requirement and tends to make the study course mean more to the individual. Seven and a half hours are required in class work or individual study before the award is to be granted; this will include the time given for the written examination. We will be glad to send you a tract on the Study Course that gives a list of all Study Course books, free for the asking.

Hurricane B. Y. P. U.

We are glad to have a report from the Hurricane B. Y. P. U., Attala County, telling of their re-organization. Miss Letha Chappell, the Corresponding Secretary, sends in the report and gives the list of officers: President, Earl Edwards; Vice-President, Walter McAdams; B. R. L., Alice McMillan; Secretary, May McCary; Treasurer, Evelyn Taylor; Pianist, Emmie Thurett; Chorister, Gordan McMillian; Group Captains,

Mary McAdams and Cleo Chappell. A committee was appointed to look after special music. They have a contest on between the groups, the group making the highest grade for four weeks is to be entertained by the group making the lowest grade. A week after the organization the union gave a most interesting program and everything looks forward to a splendid union, one that shall live up to their motto, "Working For The Master".

Mississippi College B. Y. P. U.'s Close Most Successful Year's Work

Director Chester Swor, in a personal letter to your State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, tells something of the splendid cooperation he has had this year in the B. Y. P. U. work at Mississippi College, and we give here his letter in part: "The responsibility I have had this year in our B. Y. P. U. work has really truly been the most wonderful experience I have known. I shall never forget the real joy of seeing ten B. Y. P. U.'s in concerted action. By the way, TWO new arrivals have been registered in our B. Y. P. U. Family, giving us TWELVE unions. Another Senior union for Hillman girls and Intermediate Union No. 2 are the new ones. Naturally these new unions are very enthusiastic; the Intermediate No. 2 boasts 98 3/5 per cent last Sunday evening. We have worked unusually hard to forestall the usual spring slump, and the fine cooperation of the unions has largely solved this. Our "Guest-of-honor" contest culminated last Sunday, the Lovelace union winning the honor with a 98% plus average. For our closing Sunday we are planning a pageant—history of B. Y. P. U. work since the beginning in 1899. At that time the new officers will be formally presented. We have elected Elmer Prichard, Director, and Frank Byrne as Associate for next year. Both are excellent workers, and will surely lead the work on to much higher plains. Everything looks bright for us next year." The Mississippi College and Clinton unions have done splendid work this year and we appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation they have shown in our State B. Y. P. U. Program.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

The Baptist Young People's Union in our community is growing stronger each day.

We are happy indeed to report of such splendid progress that our B. Y. P. U. has made since the beginning of a new year, 1928. We hope it to continue, for this is the service which the young people have officially undertaken to sponsor.

We started a new year off with general organization, with full corps

of officers and before the year is gone we hope we will be one of our A-1 General B. Y. P. U. organizations.

During the month of April and over May we have had an increase of about 18% in their general average, have enrollment of 55.

May we rapidly graduate approved workmen for service of the Lord, and while we work may our Love and Loyalty for the church of Christ continue to grow, so that we may stride forward toward solving the "problems" of our Baptist Young People's Union.

—Irene Taylor,
Corresponding Secretary.

How Is This For a Pledge?

Here is a new pledge the Wiggins Senior BYPU has adopted and all members are requested to sign the pledge before they can be counted members of the union. It is their method of emphasizing the worth-whileness of the B. Y. P. U., holding up an ideal that will make those who really want to get the training the BYPU offers appreciate the union. It has resulted in a group of earnest workers doing their work in a happy effective way.

1. I will attend all meetings, unless providentially hindered.
2. I will take part on program when called upon, and will not read from Quarterly.
3. I will offer a prayer when called upon to pray.
4. I will refrain from making fun of any in the union who is doing his best.
5. I will show reverence for God in His house.
6. I will attend preaching when BYPU is over unless utterly impossible.
7. I will read my lesson and Bible readings each week.
8. I will contribute the price of a BYPU book at least once a quarter.

COAHOMA CHIPS

It was the pleasure of the writer to deliver the Memorial Day address at Clarksdale last week and thus have both the opportunity of rendering a service and meeting quite a large number of old friends in Coahoma County.

A delightful evening was spent in

the home of Boyce Adams and his wife Mrs. Kathryn Adams, the latter formerly from Drew. By the way, the writer also journeyed back up there several months ago to unite them in marriage. Hundreds of Mississippi College students will remember Boyce Adams. They will be glad to know that through the years he has been an active church worker and standing all along for the better and best things in his section. He is very popular and at the front in various lines of work in which he engages.

"We" put "our" feet under the table a couple o' times at the home of W. F. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, another splendid young couple, who, through the years have been at the front in community and church life. Mr. Taylor is now taking a course in law and while off for the summer will return to his studies in the fall. It is always helpful to see such splendid fellows setting worth while examples in all lines of endeavor.

Paragraphs loom before us about these two families and others, as well but am signing off for this time.

Yours in service,

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"THE WAY THE TWIG IS BENT, THE TREE'S INCLINED."

(By An Old Minister.)

When the writer was a boy there were a number of persimmon saplings near my father's home in the country which I and other boys in the community would climb nearly to the top, then hold on with both hands and swing off so as to bend the saplings over, then drop to the ground, catching on our feet. By doing this repeatedly the saplings became very much bent. More than a half century has passed since then; the grove of saplings (now grown to be trees) is still there, and the ones that were bent in the long ago are still inclined, or slightly leaning in the same direction.

The scriptures clearly teach that children should be required to grow straight and also to go straight, although it may require the use of the rod to bring about this result. "He that loveth his son chasteneth him betimes." "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest, yea he shall give delight unto thy soul." It is being taught by some that children should not be chastised by parents when disobedient. They say it is cruel and barbarous. According to this teaching, parents should be better than God. Paul tells us that "whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth;—that God dealeth with us as with children."

The writer's Mother was of a patient, gentle disposition, yet when we children needed the rod of correction she did not fail to apply it. As far back as I can remember, my brother next older than myself was once disobedient, and when she undertook to whip him he ran from her and climbed a tree. I followed on, as an interested spectator, and as an innocent bystander, to see it well done. Mother would stand near the tree, look up at him and say, "Come down, Jeffie". And he would answer, "Well, Mamma, if you'll go away I'll come down." I don't remember whether he came down and "took his medicine" then, or waited

until later. When my oldest brother was about fifteen years old a bad boy living nearby would sometimes entice him to slip off and go with him to the river and go in swimming. My mother forbade his going with the boy, but he persisted in going every opportunity. Father was away in the army, and Mother had the care of the family, the slaves, the farm, etc., on her hands. Realizing that she must control the situation, she threatened to whip my brother if he persisted in his disobedience. He intimated that he was "too big" to be whipped; so she waited until she heard him snoring that night after he had retired, went into his room, turned the cover back and literally "woke him up." That cured him, as he was ever afterwards a dutiful son.

An amusing story is told about a mother who undertook to chastise her little boy, who crawled under the house and would not come out. After waiting for sometime her husband came, and she said to him, "I wish you would go under the house and bring Johnnie out so I can whip him." He obediently got down on his "all fours", and went crawling around under the house looking for Johnnie. After a time the little fellow peeped from behind a pillar, and seeing his father, said to him, "Papa, is she after you too?"

It is a sad fact that there are many fathers and mothers in the world today who need to have somebody to go after them. So many parents in high and low society are setting such pernicious examples before their children, it cannot be wondered at that many of our young people seem demoralized.

An eminently useful minister relates that when as a child if he stood off from his mother when she went to chastise him, she could reach him better, and the whipping would be more severe. But when he went up close to her, put his arms around her, leaned his head on her bosom and told her he loved her and was sorry for having done wrong, the punishment was much lighter. After he grew up and became a Christian he found this to be true in God's dealings with him. If he was rebellious and stubborn, the chastening hand was laid more heavily upon him, but when he "drew nigh" to God in penitence and love, God was sure to "draw nigh to him" in tender compassion and forgiveness.

To the Democratic Voters of the State:

I am sure that each of the delegates who have been selected to the State Democratic Convention which is to meet in Jackson on June 5th, recognizes that he is to attend the Convention in a representative capacity, and will, therefore, welcome any expression of the sentiments of his constituents on any question expected to come before the Convention for consideration. Therefore, it is very important that all citizens who are in favor of the Mississippi State Democratic Convention instructing delegates to the Houston Convention to vote for the nomination of a candidate for President who has a consistent record as a "dry" and for the adoption of a plank in the party platform favoring the rigid enforcement of the Volstead Act, should see that the delegates elected to the State Convention in his district are informed as to their views.

It would be disastrous for the Houston Convention to commit the great Democratic party to the cause of the whisky interests by nominating for President a man who as Governor of New York favored the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment and advocated the repeal of all laws that had been passed by the New York Legislature to co-operate with the National Government in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment.

It is perfectly reasonable and logical that if Governor Smith should be elected President, he would strive to do for the whole nation what he has done for the state of New York—nullify all prohibition laws.

It is suggested that every pastor in the state preach one or more sermons on the situation between now and the State Convention, June 5th, and then take a vote of his congregation on the question as to whether they will support any known "wet" man. If they will do this it will assure a dry vote for Mississippi. Brother preachers, the welfare of prohibition is in your hands. The major responsibility is yours. Quick action is imperative.

—T. J. Bailey, Supt.

Miss. Anti-Saloon League.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT By R. L. Breland

Last year the Home Board paid out \$136,000 on principal and interest on the debts of the board. Much of this was a dead loss and should not be permitted. It was the direct result of failure of Baptists to give what they should to the cause of Christ.

The Convention will meet at Memphis in 1929, 7:30 P. M., May 10,—or Friday before the second Sunday in May. This moves the date up nearly a week. Chattanooga did her part well in entertaining the present meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Dillard Dixon

Dillard Dixon, son of M. W. and Charity Dixon, was born July 31, 1914, and died January 20, 1928. Besides his father and mother he left to mourn his going one brother and two sisters, his twin sister, Daisy, and baby sister. He was sick only twelve days. He was thirteen years, five months and twenty days old at the time of his death.

In Loving Memories of Dear Mother
Mrs. Elizabeth Newman Lupo was born August 5, 1859; departed this life December 12, 1927.

She leaves her aged husband, three sons and five daughters, nineteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn her going. She joined the Baptist Church when a young girl and died true to her Lord.

Goodbye, Dear Mother. How we miss you, only the dear Lord can know. We will meet bye and bye, where there will be no more partings, and all tears will be wiped away.

Her daughters,

—Miss Leta Lupo and
Mrs. Barbara Yates.

Gone But Not Forgotten

On January 20th, 1928, God's death Angel came and claimed for His own little Dillard Dixon, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Dixon, of Mt. Olive. Dillard's earthly life was of but a short duration; he was born July 31st, 1914, died January 20th, 1928. Dillard gave his heart to God at an early age and was baptized by Rev. J. W. Hudson during his pastorate at Raleigh and during the time that Dillard's father was sheriff of Smith County. At the time of his death Brother A. S. Johnston of Mt. Olive was his pastor. Dillard's grandmother and one aunt on his father's side are members of the writer's church (via) Fellowship. The scribe having been closely associated with the Dixon family for several years and having long since learned to love the family, was by the bedside of Dillard in the Pineview Hospital when he fell asleep in the Arms of Jesus.

Now we miss Dillard, and his going has left a blank space in the hearts of all who knew him. There is a vacancy in the home, but dear friends let's be submissive to His will when God comes to claim His own. As one whose heart has gone out in sympathy with you through your trying hours, appeals to you in the name of Jesus, not to weep nor to think of Dillard as being dead but only asleep in the Arms of Jesus.

—A. J. Linton.

Z. Wardlaw

Brother Wardlaw was born in December, 1844, and would have been, therefore, 84 years of age at next birthday. Apparently, he was fatally injured in falling down the steps of a hotel while attending the U. C. V. reunion at Little Rock,

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Arkansas. At the time of his death he was Brigadier General of the Veterans.

His activities and relations were many and varied. He served actively throughout the war of 1861-65. For many, many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, and exceedingly faithful to attend every meeting possible. During the Whitfield administration, he served Hinds County in the Legislature. He was, and had been for many years a deacon in the Utica Baptist Church, and the church and its interests were his delight. He proved well the trust the church imposed on him, and purchased to himself a good report, and was bold in the faith. It would be hard to find one who took his task more seriously, and was more faithful. The doors of the church were seldom opened for a service that he was not at his accustomed place. If he was not to be present at a service, he always informed the pastor beforehand, and always with the remark that "It hardly seems right for me to be away, for I think it is the duty of a man to always be at the services of his church."

The first impression he always made was his gentlemanly bearing. Wherever he was, and in whatever company, he was at ease and sought to put others at ease. It was a delight to be in his home and enjoy his fellowship. Soon after the war he was married to a Miss Cook, sister to the wife of Capt. W. T. Ratliff of Raymond. On his farm near Bolton, was a small church and he was instrumental in securing the services of B. D. Gray, then a ministerial student of Mississippi College, as pastor. Therein began

a lifelong friendship. Some years after the death of his first wife, he was married to Mrs. Mahan at St. Louis, a former resident of Utica. She preceded him in death less than a year ago.

On Sunday, May 13th, at 3 P. M. a large concourse of friends, relatives and acquaintances gathered at the Utica Baptist Church to pay to him the tributes so richly deserved. The Rev. E. A. King, Rev. J. W. Bolton, Dr. B. D. Gray, and the pastor, with Gen. F. A. Howell of Durant, had part in the service. His body rests here in the cemetery, his spirit with the God who gave, and his works are following on. We bless his memory, and find much to inspire us in the splendid examples of his life. A son, Zach, Jr., preceded him to the grave several years. There are left two daughters, Mrs. Winters of Pocahontas and Mrs. Birdsong of Mayersville. They with other sorrowing relatives were shown the esteem in which Brother Wardlaw was held by beautiful floral tributes and many personal expressions of sympathy. After a very intimate acquaintance of five years, his pastor thinks of him as being one of the finest church members, deacons, and Christian gentlemen he has ever known.

—Owen Williams.

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not accept the invitation," said Louise, "but Dick could go. You could keep up your practice of shorthand while attending the lectures. You might get a position in that way."

Dick said he did not care to attend such a gathering, but at last consented to go.

He liked the Coast and the friendly, cultured people he met, and industriously took notes at the morning lectures. At the close of the discourse one forenoon, Professor Lane, one of the instructors, came to him and said:

"I see you are a stenographer. I need one very much. Could you take some letters for me this afternoon?"

"I am a beginner, and make mistakes," replied Dick. But I want work."

"I will give you a trial, and pay you well if I can use you. You know where my office is, do you not? Be there promptly at two o'clock."

"I will, Professor."
Dick was in the Professor's office on time, and took the dictations. By close attention he made fewer mistakes than usual, but Professor Lane made many corrections.

"Looks like those letters have just recovered from smallpox," he laughed. "You can answer the 'phone when I am out, son, open the mail, and do a few things about the office. I will get a regular stenographer tomorrow."

Dick felt mistreated, but said nothing. After he left the office he remembered that he had left a letter from Louise on the desk and returned for it. He entered the room adjoining the office and caught the words of Professor Lane's visitor: "I wouldn't stand such slovenly work, Lane. Can't that boy learn to spell and punctuate?"

"I haven't time to teach him. He seems to be a strong candidate for failure in all he undertakes. He doesn't seem—"

Deeply mortified, Dick turned and hurriedly left the room. He met a number of acquaintances, but returned their greetings with a nod. He would go home at once.

When Dick Leonard reached the home of his aunt, he went to the small room which had been assigned him, and began to pack his suitcase. He could at least go home, but what work could he do, and what would his mother say when she learned that he was a "strong candidate for failure?"

He had no opportunity of telling his aunt he was going home until after supper. She listened gravely and asked:

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rondo, Canada, who delivered the Baccalaureate address; Dr. J. B. Rounds, Oklahoma, who delivered the Educational address; Dr. R. B. Gunter, Mississippi, who preached the Commencement sermon; and Mrs. J. W. Byars, who was the Training School speaker. Class addresses were made by three students: H. H. Hargrove, B. F. K. Mullins, and Miss Mary Esther Chesheir. These were record students during the year. The Alumni address was made by C. E. Wilbanks of Oklahoma. Dr. Scarborough's energetic support of each activity together with the very excellent addresses has aroused the most favorable comment and to the "Southwestern" force this commencement is regarded to be one of the most significant in the entire history of the institution.

Master of Theology Students Lead

The group receiving the largest number of awards were the graduates of the Degree of Master of Theology. The Theologs are likewise in the lead in locations of permanent work. Standing next to the Theological students in number of graduates are those receiving the Master of Religious Education degree, with the diploma of Music students and Missionary Training School students running a close third and fourth. One woman was graduated with the Master of Theology and the one Doctor's degree conferred was in Theology and upon Prof. C. P. Sansom of Acadia Academy, Louisiana.

Looking Forward to Summer School

With the close of the regular session has come a general exodus of students. Some scores, however, have remained for summer school work, and scores of others are coming in from busy pastorates and other fields of service for a six weeks period of refreshing. Opening June 4th, under the direction of Dr. Jeff D. Ray, with a faculty of regular Seminary teachers, the enrollment is expected to reach 175 including men and women.

To our many friends who helped in the sickness of wife we lack language to express appreciation for the sympathy and help of our many friends.

My wife was sick at home eleven days. We had two doctors and a trained nurse. Our good neighbors not only came to see us, but brought somethin gto eat and flowers, and were ready to help in every way. When the doctors said I must carry my wife to the hospital, I was out of money, but my good neighbors were ready to let me have all the money I needed. We then carried her to our Baptist Hospital at Jackson. She stayed there five days. The doctors and many friends in Jackson treated us as well as anyone could be treated. There were seven preachers who came and prayed for us, Brothers Hewitt, King, McCall, Patterson and Crawford, of Jackson, Brother Jenkins, of Forest, and Brother Thornton, of Burns. We were glad to have these men of God visit us and pray for us when our hearts were heavy. My wife then got able to go to our daughter's, Mrs. W. H. Russum, at Crystal Springs. After staying there she relapsed with pneumonia, and stayed there three weeks. She did not lack for anything while there. The doctor and the good neighbors were so good to us, and everything she wanted our daughter and her husband got it. The good people came and brought all sorts of good things to eat and flowers all over the room. After being gone from home one month, we came back happy to our home again. My wife is now able to be up.

The Lord's blessings on each one for kindnesses shown us. All our family appreciate our many friends.

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Mrs. D. W. Moulder.

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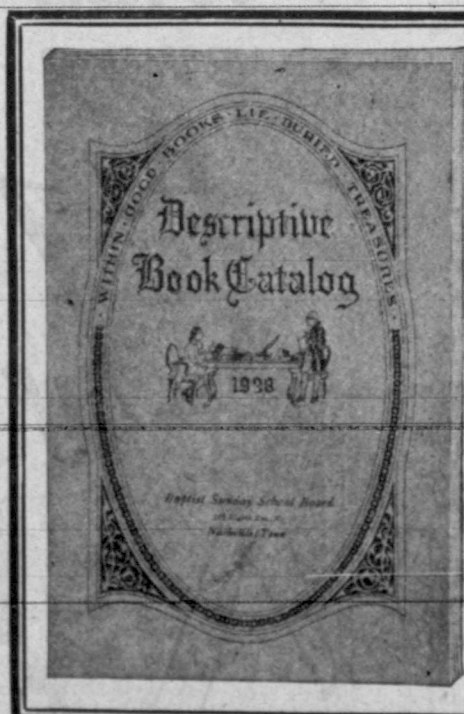
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